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# Current Economic Indicators
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# Highlights

**Labour Force:** Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 5.8% in September, up from 5.1% in August. The number of unemployed increased by 11,900, while employment fell by 12,700. However, total employment in September was 39,500 higher than it was in September 2001, mainly as a result of strong gains in the service sector. Canada's unemployment rate rose from 7.5% to 7.7% between August and September. Alberta had the third lowest unemployment rate in Canada after Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

**Construction:** In September, urban housing starts increased strongly by 27.1% from September 2001. The 2,835 starts registered for that month was the highest September level in 21 years. Year-to-date housing starts in Alberta and Canada are also up strongly, by 37.1% and 26.7% respectively, from the same period of last year. In August, the value of Alberta building permits fell by 4.0% compared to August 2001. This was due to declines of 73% and 41% for industrial permits and institutional permits, respectively. Residential permits rose strongly by 17%. Year-to-date permits are up 17.6% from the previous year, because of a 40% jump in residential permits, which more than offset a 12% decline in the non-residential sector.

**Domestic Trade:** Retail sales increased by 7.8% in July compared to the same month of the previous year. In the first seven months of 2002, retail sales were up a nation-leading 8.8%, while Canadian retail sales increased by 6.1%. Compared to 2001 levels, new motor vehicle sales increased by 9.6% in July and by 11.1% for the year-to-date. In the January to August period, the value of Alberta's MLS sales (housing re-sales) was up strongly by 19.2% from the same period of 2001, as both prices and the number of units sold increased. Albertans paid 2.3% more for the goods and services comprising the Consumer Price Index (CPI) in August than they did in the same month last year.

**Energy:** In September, the average number of active drilling rigs was down 30% from the same month last year. In the first half of 2002, production of both natural gas and crude oil fell by 1.7%.

**Manufacturing:** After declining throughout 2001, manufacturing shipments have been steadily gaining ground since the beginning of this year. The seasonally adjusted shipment value gained 6.3% between last December and July 2002. However, shipments still remain below 2001 levels. In July, they lagged last year's levels by 4.3%, led by sharp declines for the *Computers and Electronics* industry (mainly telecom equipment). For the first seven months of 2002, total shipments were 9.1% behind the same period of last year, mainly because of price declines for the *Chemicals* and *Refined Petroleum* industries, and slumping volumes in the *Computers and Electronics* industry.

**Exports:** Although Alberta's international exports fell by 3.0% in July, compared with July 2001, this was an improvement over the declines of more than 10% registered in each of the previous 10 months. The improved performance was the result of an increase of 1.5% in energy exports, caused by higher prices and volumes of crude oil. Exports of agricultural products, forestry products and machinery and equipment remained weak. Exports for the first seven months of 2002 were down 29.1% from the same period last year, mainly as a result of a 37.5% decline in energy shipments.

**Bankruptcies:** In August, the number of business bankruptcies was up by 19.7% from August 2001, and of consumer bankruptcies by 10.0%. During the first eight months of 2002, the number of consumer and business bankruptcies increased by 3.7% and 22.4% respectively, compared with the same period of 2001.

# CURRENT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

| LABOUR FORCE (seasonally adjusted) | JUL01 | AUG01 | SEP01 | JUL02 | AUG02 | SEP02 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alberta | | | | | | |
| a) Labour Force (000's) | 1,709.4 | 1,705.9 | 1,705.2 | 1,781.2 | 1,780.3 | 1,779.5 |
| b) Employed (000's) | 1,634.2 | 1,632.1 | 1,637.2 | 1,691.3 | 1,689.4 | 1,676.7 |
| c) Unemployment (000's) | 75.3 | 73.8 | 68.0 | 89.9 | 90.9 | 102.8 |
| d) Unemployment Rate (%) | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 5.8 |
| e) Participation Rate (%) | 72.2 | 71.9 | 71.7 | 73.5 | 73.4 | 73.2 |

| LABOUR FORCE (unadjusted) | JUL01 | AUG01 | SEP01 | JUL02 | AUG02 | SEP02 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alberta | | | | | | |
| a) Unemployment Rate - Alberta (%) | 4.9 | 4.8 | 3.6 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.2 |
| Calgary | 4.4 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 6.4 | 6.1 | 6.3 |
| Edmonton | 4.6 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 5.6 | 5.2 | 5.0 |
| b) Male Unemployment Rate (%) | 4.9 | 4.4 | 3.1 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 4.8 |
| c) Female Unemployment Rate (%) | 4.9 | 5.4 | 4.2 | 5.7 | 6.4 | 5.7 |
| d) Youth Unemployment Rate (%) | 10.1 | 9.5 | 8.0 | 11.1 | 10.2 | 11.2 |
| e) Participation Rate (%) | 73.7 | 73.3 | 71.6 | 75.1 | 74.9 | 72.9 |
| Calgary | 76.8 | 77.3 | 77.1 | 76.7 | 77.3 | 77.1 |
| Edmonton | 72.5 | 72.2 | 70.6 | 73.7 | 73.6 | 72.9 |
| f) Unemployment (000's) | 85.7 | 83.8 | 61.1 | 100.9 | 100.1 | 92.7 |
| Calgary | 26.4 | 29.9 | 29.3 | 39.8 | 38.4 | 39.7 |
| Edmonton | 25.2 | 23.4 | 22.8 | 31.5 | 29.5 | 28.3 |
| g) Employed (000's) | 1,659.6 | 1,656.7 | 1,642.3 | 1,718.7 | 1,715.5 | 1,680.4 |
| Full-time | 1,394.6 | 1,401.0 | 1,401.0 | 1,451.7 | 1,453.0 | 1,453.0 |
| Part-time | 265.0 | 255.8 | 255.8 | 267.0 | 262.5 | 262.5 |
| Calgary | 579.1 | 581.5 | 582.4 | 585.4 | 592.2 | 590.3 |
| Edmonton | 519.6 | 520.3 | 509.6 | 535.3 | 537.3 | 533.9 |

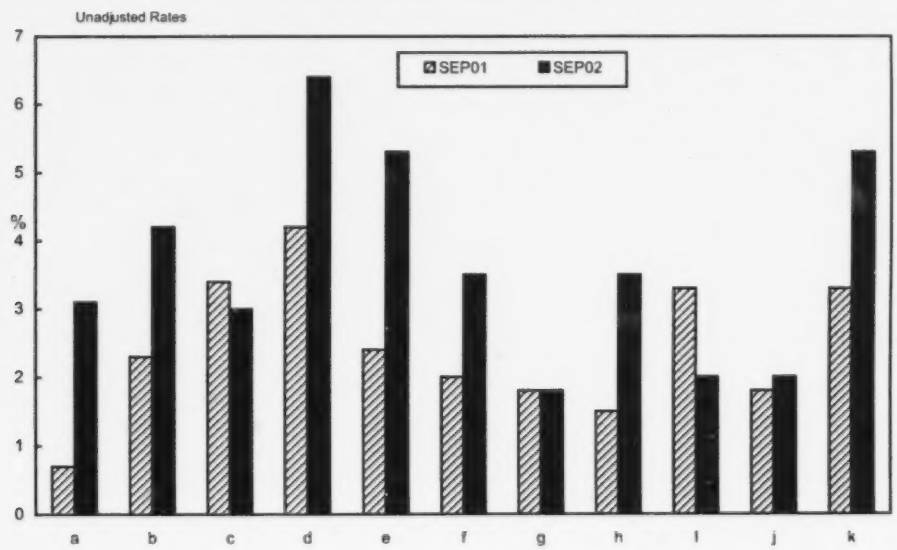
NOTE: Calgary and Edmonton estimates are 3-month moving averages.

## EMPLOYMENT

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

| INDUSTRY LABOUR FORCE (unadjusted) | JUL01 | AUG01 | SEP01 | JUL02 | AUG02 | SEP02 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Alberta** | | | | | | |
| **a) Agriculture** | | | | | | |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 1.6 | 2.1 | 0.7 | 1.5 | 4.0 | 3.1 |
| Employed (000's) | 63.2 | 59.7 | 59.3 | 65.5 | 63.2 | 61.8 |
| **b) Mining & Oil & Gas Extraction** | | | | | | |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 3.2 | 2.7 | 2.3 | 3.0 | 4.5 | 4.2 |
| Employed (000's) | 105.3 | 108.1 | 108.3 | 88.3 | 84.7 | 81.6 |
| **c) Manufacturing** | | | | | | |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 5.1 | 3.0 | 3.4 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 3.0 |
| Employed (000's) | 146.1 | 147.4 | 139.2 | 150.7 | 154.8 | 157.3 |
| **d) Construction** | | | | | | |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 4.1 | 5.0 | 4.2 | 5.2 | 4.4 | 6.4 |
| Employed (000's) | 139.3 | 140.0 | 133.9 | 152.5 | 148.2 | 143.1 |
| **e) Retail Trade** | | | | | | |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 3.5 | 4.0 | 2.4 | 5.2 | 3.3 | 5.3 |
| Employed (000's) | 185.3 | 189.5 | 190.1 | 187.4 | 187.6 | 186.8 |
| **f) Transportation & Warehousing** | | | | | | |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 1.3 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 3.2 | 3.5 |
| Employed (000's) | 97.7 | 100.9 | 101.6 | 102.1 | 103.1 | 102.7 |
| **g) Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing** | | | | | | |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 2.8 | 2.1 | 1.8 | 0.8 | 1.4 | 1.8 |
| Employed (000's) | 83.4 | 77.5 | 75.4 | 92.3 | 91.1 | 88.9 |
| **h) Professional, Scientific & Technical Services** | | | | | | |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 3.0 | 4.4 | 1.5 | 4.1 | 3.3 | 3.5 |
| Employed (000's) | 126.9 | 118.4 | 117.1 | 127.6 | 124.3 | 122.5 |
| **i) Educational Services** | | | | | | |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 8.5 | 11.1 | 3.3 | 6.3 | 8.5 | 2.0 |
| Employed (000's) | 85.8 | 89.8 | 107.2 | 89.6 | 93.0 | 105.4 |
| **j) Health Care & Social Assistance** | | | | | | |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 0.5 | 2.1 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 2.6 | 2.0 |
| Employed (000's) | 148.5 | 147.7 | 145.6 | 163.6 | 162.6 | 162.1 |
| **k) Accommodation & Food Services** | | | | | | |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 5.3 | 6.8 | 3.3 | 5.5 | 7.6 | 5.3 |
| Employed (000's) | 116.8 | 111.4 | 113.3 | 124.7 | 123.8 | 118.0 |

## INDUSTRY UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



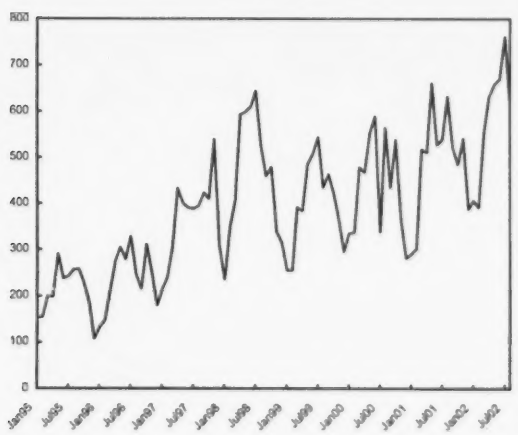
| BUILDING PERMITS ($000,000) | JANUARY - AUGUST | | | JULY | | | AUGUST | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
| Total Value - Alberta | 3,977.5 | 4,676.1 | 17.6 | 537.6 | 761.7 | 41.7 | 632.2 | 606.8 | -4.0 |
| Calgary | 1,586.7 | 1,878.8 | 18.4 | 223.7 | 275.4 | 23.1 | 219.9 | 217.7 | -1.0 |
| Edmonton | 907.4 | 1,173.4 | 29.3 | 99.6 | 181.8 | 82.4 | 144.7 | 196.4 | 35.8 |
| Residential - Alberta | 2,243.7 | 3,149.3 | 40.4 | 311.3 | 490.7 | 57.7 | 343.4 | 400.4 | 16.6 |
| Calgary | 998.1 | 1,369.8 | 37.2 | 150.3 | 207.0 | 37.7 | 150.1 | 151.7 | 1.1 |
| Edmonton | 512.2 | 813.5 | 58.8 | 61.8 | 138.7 | 124.2 | 86.4 | 124.5 | 44.0 |
| Industrial - Alberta | 415.8 | 258.2 | -37.9 | 42.5 | 43.1 | 1.3 | 105.4 | 28.0 | -73.5 |
| Calgary | 64.9 | 34.6 | -46.7 | 3.4 | 4.3 | 27.7 | 2.9 | 7.6 | 163.3 |
| Edmonton | 59.1 | 91.0 | 53.9 | 8.4 | 6.3 | -24.8 | 15.7 | 11.0 | -30.3 |
| Commercial - Alberta | 895.4 | 869.4 | -2.9 | 134.5 | 123.3 | -8.3 | 103.9 | 131.5 | 26.6 |
| Calgary | 357.6 | 361.6 | 1.1 | 53.3 | 46.5 | -12.8 | 48.9 | 42.2 | -13.7 |
| Edmonton | 227.9 | 211.4 | -7.2 | 23.2 | 26.5 | 14.5 | 20.6 | 44.7 | 117.6 |
| Institutional/Government - Alberta | 422.6 | 399.2 | -5.5 | 49.4 | 104.5 | 111.8 | 79.5 | 47.0 | -41.0 |
| Calgary | 166.1 | 112.9 | -32.0 | 16.7 | 17.6 | 5.6 | 18.0 | 16.2 | -10.2 |
| Edmonton | 108.2 | 57.4 | -46.9 | 6.2 | 10.2 | 65.3 | 22.0 | 16.3 | -25.9 |

| HOUSING STARTS (urban) | JANUARY - SEPTEMBER | | | AUGUST | | | SEPTEMBER | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
| Alberta | | | | | | | | | |
| a) Total | 17,470 | 23,950 | 37.1 | 2,205 | 3,046 | 38.1 | 2,231 | 2,835 | 27.1 |
| - Single Detached | 11,685 | 14,956 | 28.0 | 1,437 | 1,861 | 29.5 | 1,600 | 1,838 | 14.9 |
| - All Others* | 5,785 | 8,994 | 55.5 | 768 | 1,185 | 54.3 | 631 | 997 | 58.0 |
| b) Calgary | 8,223 | 10,782 | 31.1 | 963 | 1,715 | 78.1 | 953 | 1,328 | 39.3 |
| c) Edmonton | 5,608 | 8,896 | 58.6 | 760 | 910 | 19.7 | 795 | 1,030 | 29.6 |

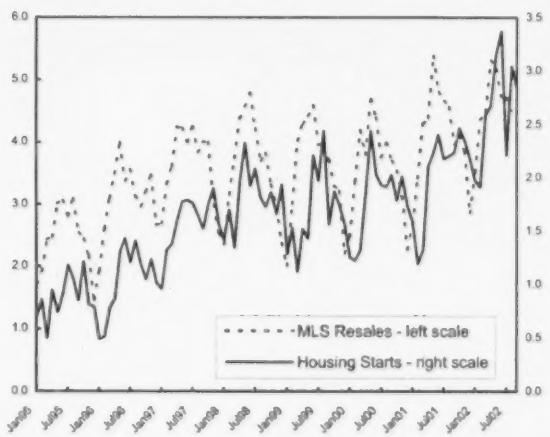
* Includes: two family, row, and apartment dwellings

| MULTIPLE LISTING SERVICE (MLS) HOUSING RESALES | JANUARY - AUGUST | | | JULY | | | AUGUST | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
| a) Alberta - total units | 34,196 | 36,834 | 7.7 | 4,662 | 4,711 | 1.1 | 4,569 | 4,508 | -1.3 |
| - Calgary | 15,501 | 17,810 | 14.9 | 1,986 | 2,197 | 10.6 | 2,028 | 2,133 | 5.2 |
| - Edmonton | 11,354 | 11,571 | 1.9 | 1,581 | 1,509 | -4.6 | 1,448 | 1,388 | -4.1 |
| b) Alberta - total value ($000,000 | 5,227.9 | 6,231.5 | 19.2 | 722.7 | 803.0 | 11.1 | 694.3 | 779.3 | 12.2 |
| - Calgary | 2,822.7 | 3,505.4 | 24.2 | 364.7 | 431.6 | 18.4 | 371.2 | 431.8 | 16.3 |
| - Edmonton | 1,503.0 | 1,729.6 | 15.1 | 219.8 | 231.9 | 5.5 | 189.8 | 210.6 | 11.0 |

**BUILDING PERMITS**




**HOUSING STARTS/ MLS RESALES**



| HELP WANTED INDEX | JANUARY - SEPTEMBER | | | AUGUST | | | SEPTEMBER | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
| Alberta | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996=100 - seasonally adjusted | 175.5 | 137.9 | -21.4 | 166.3 | 140.4 | -15.6 | 159.5 | 136.7 | -14.3 |

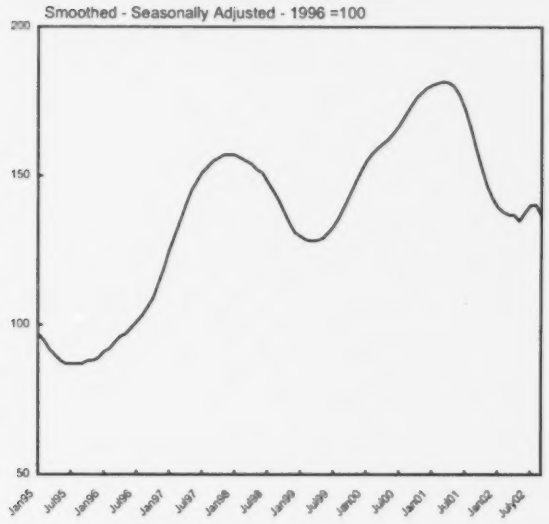
| WAGES AND SALARIES ($000,00 | JANUARY - JUNE | | | MAY | | | JUNE | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
| Alberta | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 29,197 | 31,056 | 6.4 | 4,920 | 5,222 | 6.1 | 4,912 | 5,251 | 6.9 |

| AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS ALL EMPLOYEES | JANUARY - JULY | | | JUNE | | | JULY | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
| Alberta | | | | | | | | | |
| $/week, incl. overtime | $679.47 | $696.83 | 2.6 | $680.40 | $697.01 | 2.4 | $686.65 | $701.92 | 2.2 |

| INTERNATIONAL TRAVELLERS, NON-RESIDENTS ENTERING ALBERTA | JANUARY - JULY | | | JUNE | | | JULY | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
| Alberta | | | | | | | | | |
| Total (excludes same-day) | 515,476 | 487,638 | -5.4 | 111,907 | 101,239 | -9.5 | 156,416 | 153,478 | -1.9 |
| - U.S.A. (excludes same-day) | 350,569 | 355,796 | 1.5 | 75,479 | 75,623 | 0.2 | 112,032 | 119,236 | 6.4 |
| - United Kingdom | 68,518 | 59,175 | -13.6 | 12,320 | 9,614 | -22.0 | 12,997 | 11,198 | -13.8 |
| - Germany | 21,162 | 16,355 | -22.7 | 4,425 | 3,127 | -29.3 | 6,247 | 4,924 | -21.2 |
| - Netherlands | 11,211 | 9,347 | -16.6 | 3,009 | 2,505 | -16.7 | 4,067 | 2,981 | -26.7 |
| - Japan | 17,825 | 7,928 | -55.5 | 6,494 | 2,218 | -65.8 | 5,776 | 2,732 | -52.7 |
| - Australia | 4,651 | 3,831 | -17.6 | 764 | 668 | -12.6 | 1,091 | 1,014 | -7.1 |
| - Mexico | 3,839 | 3,824 | -0.4 | 700 | 931 | 33.0 | 1,270 | 1,184 | -6.8 |
| - Switzerland | 4,837 | 3,717 | -23.2 | 1,074 | 438 | -59.2 | 2,124 | 1,960 | -7.7 |

Figures given are for non-residents entering Alberta directly. Consequently, actual totals will be understated since significant numbers of tourists enter via other provinces.

**HELP WANTED INDEX**

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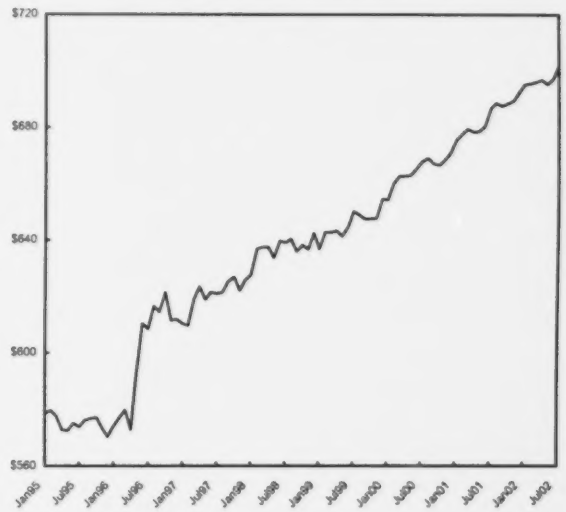


| RETAIL TRADE ($000,000) | JANUARY - JULY 2001 | JANUARY - JULY 2002 | JANUARY - JULY Per cent Change | JUNE 2001 | JUNE 2002 | JUNE Per cent Change | JULY 2001 | JULY 2002 | JULY Per cent Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Alberta** | | | | | | | | | |
| Total All Stores, seasonally adjusted | 19,903 | 21,664 | 8.8 | 2,891 | 3,159 | 9.3 | 2,895 | 3,119 | 7.8 |
| - Food & Drug Stores | 5,045 | 5,452 | 8.1 | 783 | 824 | 5.2 | 748 | 819 | 9.5 |
| - Clothing & Shoe Stores | 892 | 913 | 2.3 | 141 | 149 | 5.5 | 137 | 138 | 0.9 |
| - Furniture, Appliances, Furnishing | 1,116 | 1,221 | 9.4 | 169 | 174 | 3.4 | 164 | 177 | 8.1 |
| - Motor & R.V. Dealers | 5,405 | 6,087 | 12.6 | 884 | 958 | 8.4 | 792 | 885 | 11.8 |
| - Gasoline Service Stations | 1,534 | 1,589 | 3.6 | 251 | 252 | 0.4 | 241 | 280 | 16.2 |
| - Auto Parts, Access. & Services | 1,160 | 1,268 | 9.4 | 185 | 206 | 11.9 | 187 | 206 | 9.9 |
| - General Merchandise Stores | 1,970 | 2,114 | 7.3 | 313 | 341 | 9.0 | 307 | 322 | 5.0 |
| - All Other Stores | 2,012 | 2,176 | 8.1 | 324 | 354 | 9.2 | 329 | 353 | 7.4 |

NOTE: The Total All Stores series is seasonally adjusted; the sales by store type series are not seasonally adjusted

| RESTAURANT, CATERER AND TAVERN RECEIPTS ($000,000) | JANUARY - AUGUST 2001 | JANUARY - AUGUST 2002 | JANUARY - AUGUST Per cent Change | JULY 2001 | JULY 2002 | JULY Per cent Change | AUGUST 2001 | AUGUST 2002 | AUGUST Per cent Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Alberta** | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 3,017 | 2,859 | -5.2 | 396 | 383 | -3.4 | 393 | 381 | -3.1 |

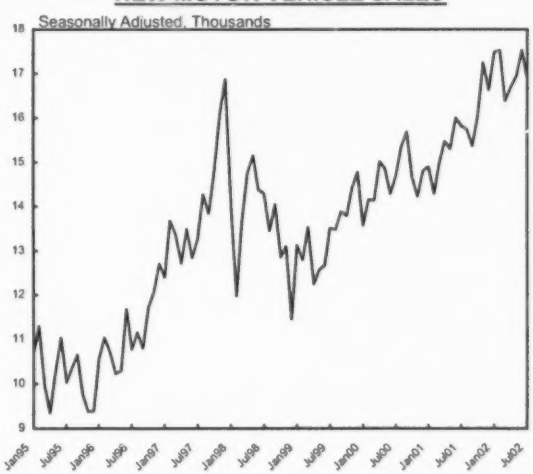
| WHOLESALE TRADE ($000,000) | JANUARY - JULY 2001 | JANUARY - JULY 2002 | JANUARY - JULY Per cent Change | JUNE 2001 | JUNE 2002 | JUNE Per cent Change | JULY 2001 | JULY 2002 | JULY Per cent Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Alberta** | | | | | | | | | |
| All Merchants, not seas. adjusted | 23,654 | 24,082 | 1.8 | 3,812 | 3,627 | -4.8 | 3,557 | 3,618 | 1.7 |

| NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES | JANUARY - JULY 2001 | JANUARY - JULY 2002 | JANUARY - JULY Per cent Change | JUNE 2001 | JUNE 2002 | JUNE Per cent Change | JULY 2001 | JULY 2002 | JULY Per cent Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Alberta** | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Number Sold | 108,421 | 120,460 | 11.1 | 18,639 | 20,090 | 12.4 | 14,279 | 15,647 | 9.6 |
| - Passenger Vehicles | 42,194 | 47,904 | 13.5 | 7,878 | 8,225 | 7.7 | 5,648 | 6,447 | 14.1 |
| - Commercial Vehicles | 66,227 | 72,556 | 9.6 | 10,761 | 11,865 | 15.0 | 8,631 | 9,200 | 6.6 |

NOTE: Commercial vehicles include minivans, sport-utility vehicles, light and heavy trucks, vans, coaches and buses. Passenger vehicles also include taxis and rental cars.

**RETAIL TRADE**

**NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES**



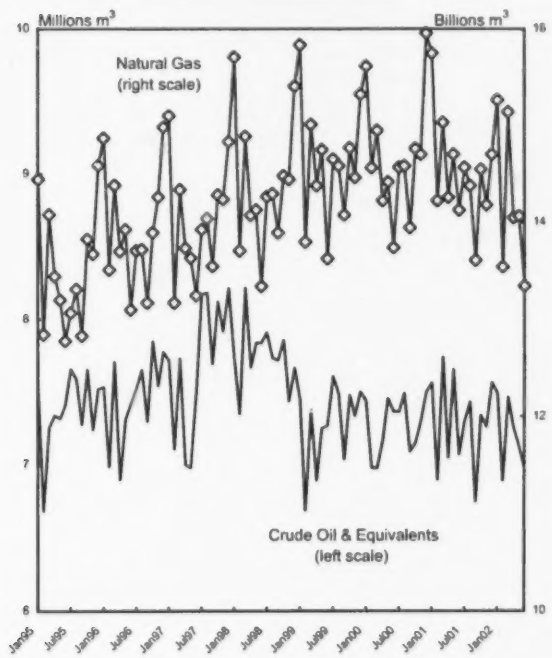
| ENERGY PRODUCTION AND DELIVERIES | JANUARY - JUNE | | | MAY | | | JUNE | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
| Alberta | | | | | | | | | |
| a) Natural Gas | | | | | | | | | |
| - Production (million $m^3$) | 86,922 | 85,409 | -1.7 | 14,705 | 14,065 | -4.4 | 14,127 | 13,343 | -5.5 |
| - Deliveries (million $m^3$) | 64,976 | 57,110 | -12.1 | 10,456 | 7,943 | -24.0 | 9,780 | 9,068 | -7.3 |
| b) Crude Oil and Equivalents | | | | | | | | | |
| - Production ('000 $m^3$) | 43,987 | 43,223 | -1.7 | 7,658 | 7,131 | -6.9 | 7,072 | 6,977 | -1.3 |
| - Deliveries ('000 $m^3$) | 46,045 | 48,083 | 4.4 | 7,568 | 7,995 | 5.6 | 7,868 | 8,299 | 5.5 |

| RIG ACTIVITY | JANUARY - SEPTEMBER AVERAGE | | | AUGUST | | | SEPTEMBER | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
| Alberta | | | | | | | | | |
| a) Drilling | 313 | 227 | -27.4 | 295 | 191 | -35.3 | 270 | 189 | -30.0 |
| b) Available | 486 | 514 | 5.8 | 499 | 512 | 2.6 | 497 | 509 | 2.4 |

| ENERGY PRICES | ANNUAL AVERAGES | | 2001 | | | 2002 | | | Annual |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2000 | 2001 | JUL | AUG | SEP | JUL | AUG | SEP | % Change |
| West Texas Intermediate Crude Oil Price (US$/Barrel) | 30.20 | 25.90 | 26.48 | 27.31 | 26.04 | 26.95 | 28.20 | 29.67 | 13.9 |
| Natural Gas Reference Price (C$/G | 4.27 | 5.12 | 3.75 | 3.53 | 2.76 | 3.17 | N/A | N/A | -15.5 |

Note: **Annual % Change** is a comparison of the latest month for which data are available with the same month of the previous year.

## ENERGY PRODUCTION

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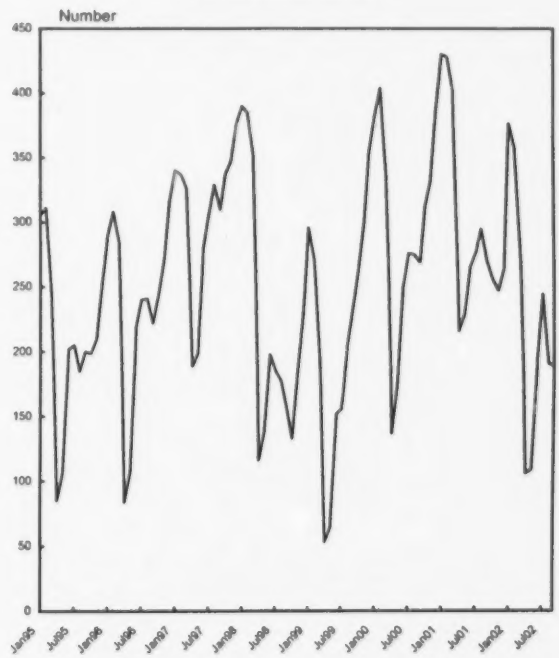


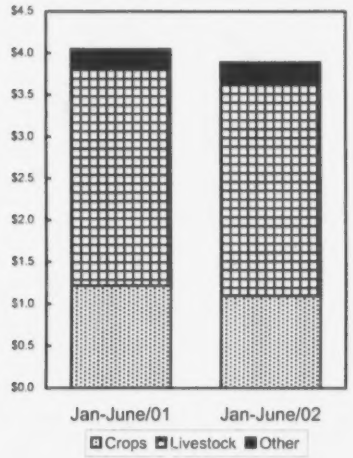
| MANUFACTURING (Value of shipments of goods of own manufacture $000,000) | JANUARY - JULY | | | JUNE | | | JULY | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
| Alberta | | | | | | | | | |
| a) Total | 25,149.5 | 22,855.9 | -9.1 | 3,717.2 | 3,447.3 | -7.3 | 3,600.2 | 3,444.5 | -4.3 |
| b) Food | 5,261.8 | 5,212.5 | -0.9 | 790.6 | 770.6 | -2.5 | 810.5 | 784.4 | -3.2 |
| c) Beverage | 413.7 | 417.5 | 0.9 | 69.4 | 69.7 | 0.3 | 72.9 | 75.1 | 3.0 |
| d) Plastics & Rubber Products | 621.4 | 579.5 | -6.7 | 100.1 | 97.9 | -2.2 | 89.5 | 92.9 | 3.9 |
| e) Primary Metal | 599.1 | 501.1 | -16.4 | 85.4 | 73.1 | -14.3 | 72.7 | 76.0 | 4.6 |
| f) Metal Fabricating | 1,579.3 | 1,446.9 | -8.4 | 233.3 | 205.2 | -12.0 | 240.0 | 212.1 | -11.6 |
| g) Printing & Publishing | 356.5 | 327.6 | -8.1 | 48.0 | 45.0 | -6.4 | 47.5 | 44.6 | -6.1 |
| h) Non-Metallic Mineral Products | 632.7 | 800.5 | 26.5 | 115.8 | 146.1 | 26.2 | 120.1 | 163.7 | 36.3 |
| i) Petroleum/Coal Products | 4,357.2 | 3,863.7 | -11.3 | 591.1 | 593.5 | 0.4 | 664.9 | 658.9 | -0.9 |
| j) Chemicals & Chemical Product | 4,339.8 | 3,563.2 | -17.9 | 558.1 | 511.5 | -8.4 | 520.4 | 461.7 | -11.3 |
| k) Wood | 1,278.9 | 1,351.4 | 5.7 | 205.7 | 199.8 | -2.8 | 201.9 | 195.8 | -3.1 |
| l) Furniture and Fixtures | 514.8 | 477.0 | -7.3 | 76.0 | 65.7 | -13.5 | 66.3 | 68.3 | 3.1 |
| m) Paper & Allied | 878.5 | 863.9 | -1.7 | 115.1 | 135.2 | 17.4 | 114.2 | 130.6 | 14.3 |
| n) Computers & Electronics | 1,394.8 | 780.6 | -44.0 | 266.9 | 156.6 | -41.3 | 178.1 | 119.2 | -33.1 |
| o) Transportation Equipment | 463.2 | 473.2 | 2.2 | 67.3 | 78.4 | 16.6 | 66.9 | 58.4 | -12.7 |
| p) Machinery | 1,932.5 | 1,704.0 | -11.8 | 308.4 | 229.2 | -25.7 | 261.1 | 229.4 | -12.2 |
| q) Other Manufacturing | 525.5 | 493.4 | -6.1 | 86.2 | 69.6 | -19.2 | 73.1 | 73.4 | 0.4 |

NOTE: **Other Manufacturing** is derived residually, by deducting the sum of the above industries from the total for all manufacturing

| AGRICULTURE Farm Cash Receipts ($000,000) | JANUARY - JUNE | | | JANUARY - MARCH/APR | | | IL - JUNE | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
| Alberta | | | | | | | | | |
| a) Total From Operations | 4,045.2 | 3,890.3 | -3.8 | 2,076.0 | 2,056.5 | -0.9 | 1,969.2 | 1,833.8 | -6.9 |
| b) Crops | 1,217.8 | 1,096.1 | -10.0 | 725.4 | 616.9 | -15.0 | 492.4 | 479.2 | -2.7 |
| - Wheat, other than Durum | 369.2 | 286.9 | -22.3 | 196.2 | 142.9 | -27.2 | 173.0 | 144.0 | -16.8 |
| - Durum Wheat | 74.6 | 43.1 | -42.3 | 44.2 | 17.7 | -60.0 | 30.5 | 25.4 | -16.6 |
| - Barley | 118.7 | 76.0 | -36.0 | 65.9 | 33.5 | -49.2 | 52.8 | 42.6 | -19.4 |
| - Canola | 292.1 | 225.8 | -22.7 | 183.1 | 105.0 | -42.6 | 108.9 | 120.8 | 10.9 |
| c) Livestock | 2,588.1 | 2,534.0 | -2.1 | 1,225.3 | 1,231.3 | 0.5 | 1,362.8 | 1,302.7 | -4.4 |
| - Cattle and Calves | 1,980.9 | 1,925.6 | -2.8 | 932.5 | 917.4 | -1.6 | 1,048.3 | 1,008.2 | -3.8 |
| - Hogs | 285.9 | 278.4 | -2.6 | 131.6 | 147.0 | 11.7 | 154.3 | 131.4 | -14.8 |
| - Dairy Products | 174.9 | 183.9 | 5.2 | 85.9 | 91.0 | 6.0 | 89.0 | 92.9 | 4.4 |
| - Poultry | 92.5 | 91.5 | -1.1 | 43.5 | 43.2 | -0.6 | 49.0 | 48.2 | -1.6 |

NOTE: **Wheat, Durum Wheat** and **Barley** receipts include Canadian Wheat Board payments

**FARM CASH RECEIPTS**



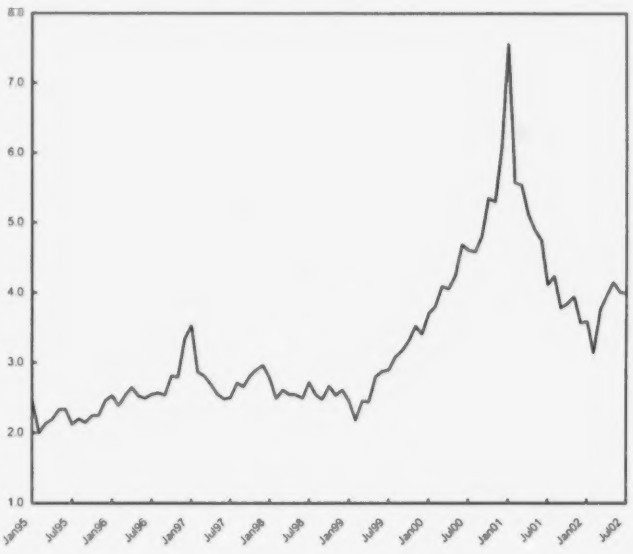

**MANUFACTURING**

| EXPORTS By Commodity Groups ($000,000) | JANUARY - JULY 2001 | JANUARY - JULY 2002 | JANUARY - JULY Per cent Change | JUNE 2001 | JUNE 2002 | JUNE Per cent Change | JULY 2001 | JULY 2002 | JULY Per cent Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alberta | | | | | | | | | |
| a) Total | 37,586.2 | 26,633.4 | -29.1 | 4,752.0 | 4,032.7 | -15.1 | 4,119.4 | 3,994.6 | -3.0 |
| b) Agricultural Products | 3,355.1 | 2,944.7 | -12.2 | 497.6 | 424.4 | -14.7 | 478.9 | 390.8 | -18.4 |
| c) Energy Products | 25,461.1 | 15,905.9 | -37.5 | 2,908.4 | 2,456.1 | -15.6 | 2,417.1 | 2,452.6 | 1.5 |
| d) Forestry Products | 1,616.1 | 1,634.2 | 1.1 | 226.4 | 205.2 | -9.4 | 234.3 | 215.8 | -7.9 |
| e) Industrial Goods | 3,160.3 | 2,809.5 | -11.1 | 497.2 | 424.1 | -14.7 | 423.7 | 419.7 | -0.9 |
| f) Machinery and Equipment | 3,188.1 | 2,533.4 | -20.5 | 503.4 | 400.1 | -20.5 | 432.7 | 403.9 | -6.7 |
| g) Automotive Products | 310.8 | 361.4 | 16.3 | 49.4 | 55.2 | 11.7 | 57.3 | 41.0 | -28.4 |
| h) Consumer Goods | 102.5 | 79.5 | -22.4 | 14.1 | 11.2 | -20.6 | 11.4 | 11.0 | -3.5 |
| i) Special Transactions | 392.2 | 364.8 | -7.0 | 55.5 | 56.5 | 1.8 | 64.0 | 59.7 | -6.7 |

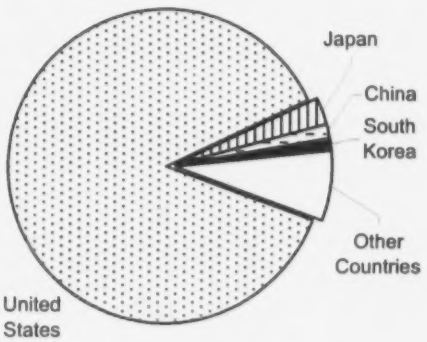
NOTE: Estimates in the "Commodities" table come from published sources: previous month estimates are not current and may not match estimates in the "Countries" table.

| EXPORTS Top 10 Countries ($000,000) | JANUARY - JULY 2001 | JANUARY - JULY 2002 | JANUARY - JULY Per cent Change | JUNE 2001 | JUNE 2002 | JUNE Per cent Change | JULY 2001 | JULY 2002 | JULY Per cent Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alberta | | | | | | | | | |
| a) Total | 37,586.2 | 26,633.4 | -29.1 | 4,752.0 | 4,015.2 | -15.5 | 4,119.4 | 3,994.6 | -3.0 |
| b) United States | 33,857.3 | 23,332.2 | -31.1 | 4,227.4 | 3,527.4 | -16.6 | 3,645.0 | 3,546.6 | -2.7 |
| c) Japan | 761.3 | 687.8 | -9.7 | 115.0 | 101.4 | -11.8 | 103.3 | 88.8 | -14.1 |
| d) China | 501.2 | 409.7 | -18.2 | 70.1 | 62.4 | -10.9 | 66.3 | 55.4 | -16.4 |
| e) South Korea | 255.7 | 254.3 | -0.6 | 24.2 | 46.5 | 92.1 | 39.1 | 35.9 | -8.2 |
| f) Mexico | 274.7 | 241.2 | -12.2 | 43.1 | 33.1 | -23.3 | 47.0 | 33.4 | -28.9 |
| g)Taiwan | 123.1 | 136.3 | 10.7 | 18.9 | 23.2 | 22.6 | 13.7 | 22.2 | 62.1 |
| h) United Kingdom | 105.6 | 106.6 | 0.9 | 13.7 | 16.8 | 22.9 | 12.1 | 14.8 | 22.3 |
| I) Italy | 109.7 | 75.8 | -30.9 | 14.2 | 7.8 | -45.4 | 4.6 | 16.2 | 255.0 |
| j) Belgium | 83.2 | 69.5 | -16.4 | 13.4 | 12.8 | -4.3 | 8.1 | 8.8 | 9.3 |
| k) Germany | 74.4 | 63.6 | -14.5 | 8.9 | 5.7 | -36.4 | 4.9 | 6.6 | 34.1 |
| l) Other Countries | 1,440.1 | 1,256.4 | -12.8 | 203.0 | 178.2 | -12.2 | 175.4 | 165.8 | -5.5 |

**EXPORTS**




**Alberta Exports by Country**
**(January - July 2002)**



| International & Interprovincial MIGRATION | JANUARY - JUNE | | | JANUARY - MARCH | | | APRIL - JUNE | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
| Alberta | | | | | | | | | |
| a) International | | | | | | | | | |
| - Immigration | 8,274 | 8,448 | 2.1 | 3,835 | 3,910 | 2.0 | 4,439 | 4,538 | 2.2 |
| - Emigration | 2,404 | 2,423 | 0.8 | 1,116 | 1,123 | 0.6 | 1,288 | 1,300 | 0.9 |
| - Net non-permanent residents | 1,763 | 748 | -57.6 | 975 | 365 | -62.6 | 788 | 383 | -51.4 |
| - Temporarily abroad | 1,485 | 1,665 | 12.1 | 722 | 809 | 12.0 | 763 | 856 | 12.2 |
| - Returning Canadians | 1,457 | 1,441 | -1.1 | 521 | 516 | -1.0 | 936 | 925 | -1.2 |
| - Net international migration | 7,605 | 6,549 | -13.9 | 3,493 | 2,859 | -18.2 | 4,112 | 3,690 | -10.3 |
| b) Interprovincial | | | | | | | | | |
| - In-migration | 19,574 | 27,108 | 38.5 | 8,471 | 11,956 | 41.1 | 11,103 | 15,152 | 36.5 |
| - Out-migration | 29,497 | 38,715 | 31.3 | 12,964 | 17,916 | 38.2 | 16,533 | 20,799 | 25.8 |
| - Net interprovincial migration | 9,923 | 11,607 | 17.0 | 4,493 | 5,960 | 32.7 | 5,430 | 5,647 | 4.0 |

| BANKRUPTCIES | JANUARY - AUGUST | | | JULY | | | AUGUST | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
| Alberta | | | | | | | | | |
| a) Business | | | | | | | | | |
| - Number | 1,150 | 1,408 | 22.4 | 122 | 145 | 18.9 | 127 | 152 | 19.7 |
| - Value ($'000) | 235,642 | 267,719 | 13.6 | 25,918 | 23,330 | -10.0 | 18,165 | 20,428 | 12.5 |
| b) Consumer (number) | 5,396 | 5,595 | 3.7 | 657 | 676 | 2.9 | 632 | 695 | 10.0 |

| NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS | JANUARY - JUNE | | | MAY | | | JUNE | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
| Alberta | | | | | | | | | |
| a) Alberta Corporations | 14,484 | 14,560 | 0.5 | 2,488 | 2,500 | 0.5 | 2,294 | 2,204 | -3.9 |
| b) Non-Alberta Corporations | 1,055 | 1,044 | -1.0 | 177 | 174 | -1.7 | 176 | 159 | -9.7 |

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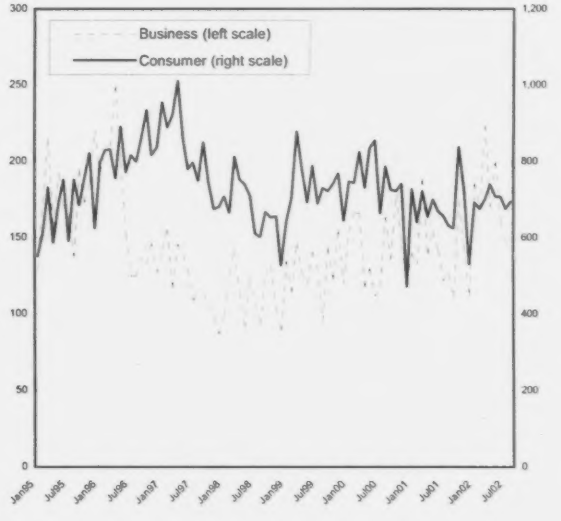


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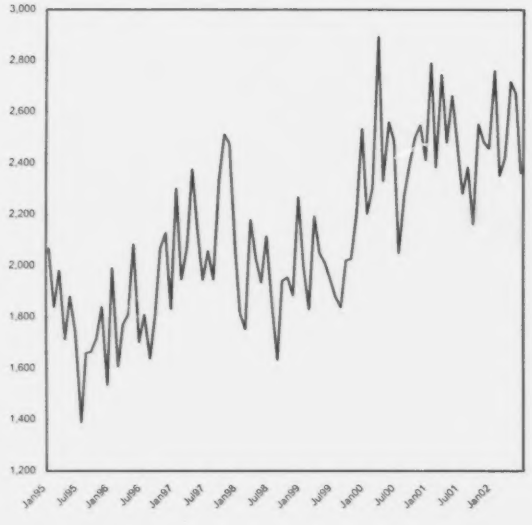


| CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100) | ANNUAL RATES | | | 2001 | 2002 | | | | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | AUG | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | Aug'01 - Aug'02 |
| a) Alberta | | | | | | | | | |
| - All Items | 113.4 | 117.4 | 120.1 | 121.5 | 123.5 | 124.1 | 124.1 | 124.3 | 2.3 |
| - Food | 109.3 | 111.7 | 116.9 | 117.9 | 120.4 | 120.6 | 120.3 | 120.3 | 2.0 |
| - Shelter | 111.7 | 118.6 | 121.5 | 124.6 | 119.7 | 119.4 | 118.6 | 117.0 | -6.1 |
| - Energy | 122.2 | 147.4 | 147.8 | 153.8 | 138.1 | 136.5 | 135.0 | 131.4 | -14.6 |
| - All Items, excl. Food and Energy | 113.5 | 115.6 | 118.0 | 119.0 | 122.7 | 123.6 | 123.8 | 124.5 | 4.6 |
| b) Edmonton | 112.2 | 115.9 | 118.4 | 119.9 | 120.4 | 121.2 | 121.5 | 122.1 | 1.8 |
| c) Calgary | 114.2 | 118.4 | 121.3 | 122.6 | 125.9 | 126.3 | 126.0 | 125.6 | 2.4 |

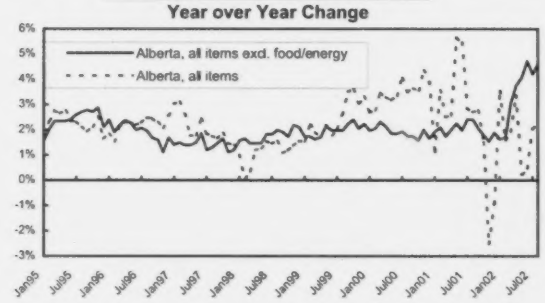
| CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1995=100) | ANNUAL RATES | | | 2001 | | 2002 | | | Annual |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Selected Countries | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | JUN | JUL | MAY | JUN | JUL | % Change |
| a) Canada | 106.0 | 109.0 | 111.7 | 112.8 | 112.4 | 113.8 | 114.2 | N/A | 1.2 |
| b) United States | 109.3 | 113.0 | 116.2 | 116.8 | 116.5 | 118.0 | 118.1 | 118.2 | 1.5 |
| c) Germany | 105.0 | 106.9 | 109.6 | 110.2 | 110.2 | 111.2 | 111.1 | 111.3 | 1.0 |
| d) United Kingdom | 111.0 | 114.2 | 116.3 | 117.0 | 116.3 | 118.2 | 118.2 | 118.0 | 1.5 |
| e) France | 104.5 | 106.2 | 108.0 | 108.5 | 108.3 | 110.1 | 110.1 | N/A | 1.5 |
| f) Japan | 102.2 | 101.5 | 100.8 | 100.8 | 100.5 | 100.2 | 100.1 | N/A | -0.7 |

| EXCHANGE RATES (in $Cdn) | ANNUAL RATES | | | 2001 | 2002 | | | | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | SEP | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | Sep'01 - Sep'02 |
| a) United States | 1.4858 | 1.4854 | 1.5489 | 1.5677 | 1.5317 | 1.5459 | 1.5679 | 1.5758 | -0.5 |
| b) Japan | 0.0131 | 0.0138 | 0.0128 | 0.0132 | 0.0124 | 0.0131 | 0.0132 | 0.0130 | 1.5 |
| c) European Monetary Union (EURO) | 1.5847 | 1.3704 | 1.3868 | 1.4295 | 1.4646 | 1.5352 | 1.5331 | 1.5456 | -7.5 |
| d) United Kingdom | 2.4038 | 2.2499 | 2.2298 | 2.2957 | 2.2729 | 2.4063 | 2.4078 | 2.4528 | -6.4 |

| INTEREST RATES (Prime Rates) | ANNUAL RATES | | | 2001 | 2002 | | | | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | SEP | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | Sep'01 - Sep'02 |
| a) Canada | 6.40 | 7.30 | 5.80 | 5.25 | 4.25 | 4.50 | 4.50 | 4.50 | -0.75 |
| b) United States | 8.00 | 9.30 | 6.80 | 6.00 | 4.75 | 4.75 | 4.75 | 4.75 | -1.25 |

**CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, ALBERTA**

Year over Year Change

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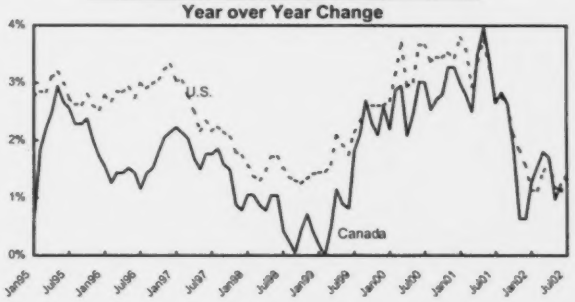
Year over Year Change

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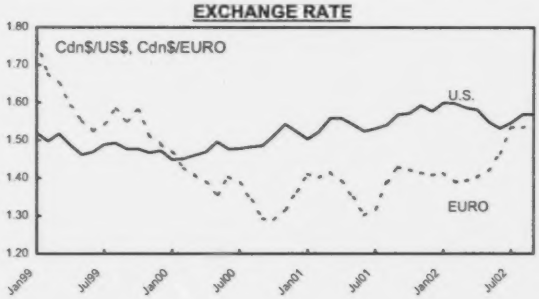


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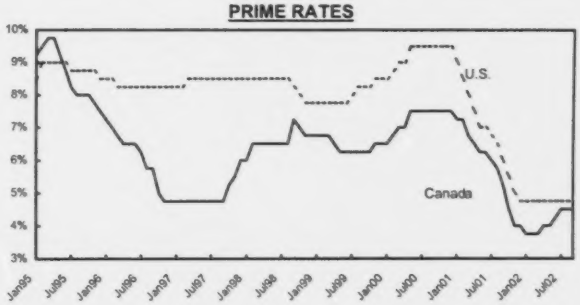
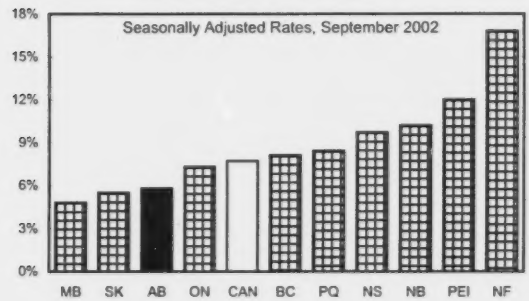


# INTERPROVINCIAL COMPARISONS OF ECONOMIC INDICATORS

| | NEWF. | P.E.I. | N.S. | N.B. | QUE. | ONT. | MAN. | SASK. | ALTA. | B.C. | CAN. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **POPULATION ('000s)** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| a) JULY 1, 2001 | 534 | 139 | 943 | 756 | 7,418 | 11,895 | 1,149 | 1,017 | 3,059 | 4,102 | 31,111 |
| b) JULY 1, 2002 | 532 | 140 | 945 | 757 | 7,455 | 12,068 | 1,151 | 1,012 | 3,114 | 4,141 | 31,414 |
| c) Percent Change | -0.4 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 1.5 | 0.2 | -0.5 | 1.8 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| **UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (seasonally adjusted)** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| a) SEPTEMBER 2001 | 15.4 | 11.7 | 9.5 | 11.3 | 8.5 | 6.6 | 5.3 | 5.9 | 4.0 | 7.8 | 7.2 |
| b) SEPTEMBER 2002 | 16.8 | 12.0 | 9.7 | 10.2 | 8.4 | 7.3 | 4.8 | 5.5 | 5.8 | 8.1 | 7.7 |
| **EMPLOYED (seasonally adjusted '000s)** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| a) SEPTEMBER 2001 | 212 | 66 | 426 | 334 | 3,496 | 5,955 | 559 | 469 | 1,637 | 1,930 | 15,084 |
| b) SEPTEMBER 2002 | 214 | 66 | 430 | 348 | 3,603 | 6,119 | 568 | 487 | 1,677 | 2,003 | 15,517 |
| c) Percent Change | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 4.2 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 1.6 | 4.0 | 2.4 | 3.8 | 2.9 |
| **BUILDING PERMITS ($000,000)** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| b) JANUARY - AUGUST 2001 | 212 | 149 | 498 | 358 | 4,885 | 11,968 | 510 | 471 | 3,977 | 3,556 | 26,695 |
| a) JANUARY - AUGUST 2002 | 262 | 101 | 586 | 448 | 5,596 | 14,284 | 620 | 472 | 4,676 | 3,756 | 30,914 |
| c) Percent Change | 23.3 | -32.0 | 17.8 | 25.2 | 14.6 | 19.4 | 21.6 | 0.1 | 17.6 | 5.6 | 15.8 |
| **URBAN HOUSING STARTS (Number)** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| b) JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2001 | 827 | 260 | 2,115 | 1,527 | 15,843 | 51,913 | 1,297 | 1,203 | 17,470 | 11,741 | 104,196 |
| a) JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2002 | 1,191 | 419 | 2,628 | 1,697 | 24,682 | 59,227 | 1,670 | 1,722 | 23,950 | 14,853 | 132,039 |
| c) Percent Change | 44.0 | 61.2 | 24.3 | 11.1 | 55.8 | 14.1 | 28.8 | 43.1 | 37.1 | 26.5 | 26.7 |
| **TOTAL WAGES AND SALARIES (seasonally adjusted $000,000)** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| a) JANUARY - JUNE 2001 | 2,795 | 788 | 5,920 | 4,885 | 53,692 | 108,326 | 7,752 | 6,068 | 29,197 | 30,920 | 251,542 |
| b) JANUARY - JUNE 2002 | 2,964 | 840 | 6,202 | 5,006 | 55,903 | 112,102 | 8,058 | 6,193 | 31,056 | 31,060 | 260,671 |
| c) Percent Change | 6.1 | 6.7 | 4.8 | 2.5 | 4.1 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 2.0 | 6.4 | 0.5 | 3.6 |

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATES**

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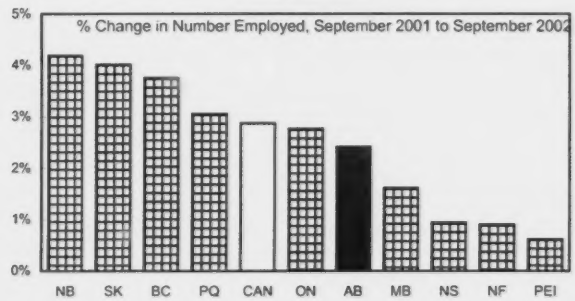


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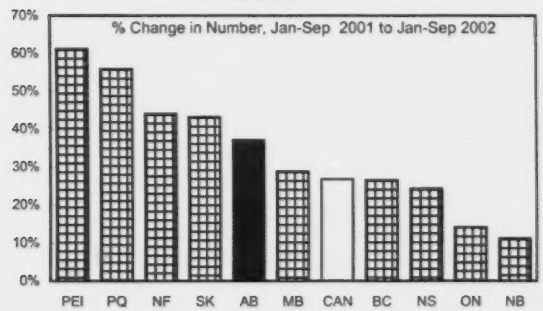


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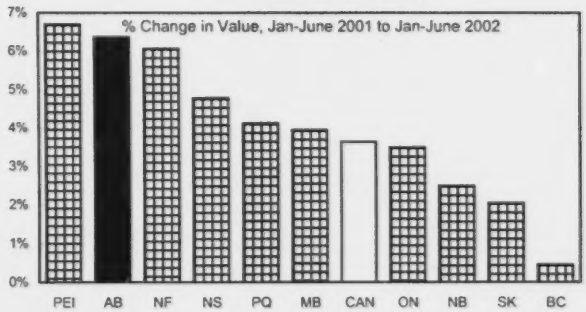
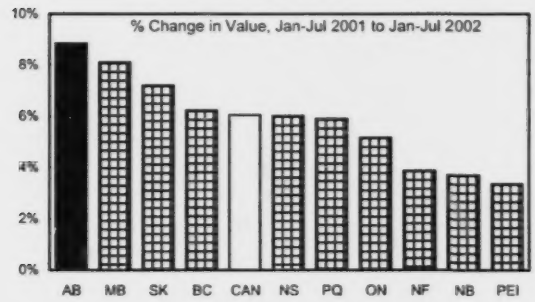


# INTERPROVINCIAL COMPARISONS OF ECONOMIC INDICATORS

| | NEWF. | P.E.I. | N.S. | N.B. | QUE. | ONT. | MAN. | SASK. | ALTA. | B.C. | CAN. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **RETAIL TRADE (seasonally adjusted $000,000)** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| b) JANUARY - JULY 2001 | 2,846 | 744 | 5,030 | 4,114 | 38,386 | 63,361 | 5,726 | 4,853 | 19,903 | 21,955 | 167,482 |
| a) JANUARY - JULY 2002 | 2,956 | 769 | 5,332 | 4,266 | 40,651 | 66,631 | 6,191 | 5,202 | 21,664 | 23,323 | 177,621 |
| c) Percent Change | 3.9 | 3.4 | 6.0 | 3.7 | 5.9 | 5.2 | 8.1 | 7.2 | 8.8 | 6.2 | 6.1 |
| **MANUFACTURING (value of shipments of goods of own manufacture, $000,000)** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| b) JANUARY - JULY 2001 | 1,256 | 676 | 4,938 | 7,243 | 70,126 | 158,294 | 6,716 | 4,325 | 25,150 | 20,585 | 299,341 |
| a) JANUARY - JULY 2002 | 1,293 | 723 | 4,765 | 7,113 | 69,536 | 159,874 | 6,659 | 4,256 | 22,856 | 19,946 | 297,054 |
| c) Percent Change | 2.9 | 6.9 | -3.5 | -1.8 | -0.8 | 1.0 | -0.8 | -1.6 | -9.1 | -3.1 | -0.8 |
| **AGRICULTURE (Farm Cash Receipts from farming operations $000,000)** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| a) JANUARY - JUNE 2001 | 39 | 184 | 193 | 195 | 2,821 | 4,151 | 1,891 | 3,297 | 4,045 | 1,117 | 17,934 |
| b) JANUARY - JUNE 2002 | 39 | 191 | 186 | 216 | 2,738 | 3,897 | 1,699 | 2,893 | 3,890 | 1,130 | 16,880 |
| c) Percent Change | -0.1 | 4.2 | -3.9 | 10.8 | -2.9 | -6.1 | -10.2 | -12.3 | -3.8 | 1.2 | -5.9 |
| **EXPORTS ($000,000)** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| b) JANUARY - JULY 2001 | 2,224 | 367 | 3,473 | 4,962 | 40,166 | 104,813 | 5,395 | 6,946 | 37,586 | 19,608 | 226,031 |
| a) JANUARY - JULY 2002 | 2,971 | 376 | 3,044 | 4,538 | 38,334 | 104,759 | 5,270 | 6,391 | 26,633 | 16,716 | 209,435 |
| c) Percent Change | 33.6 | 2.4 | -12.3 | -8.5 | -4.6 | -0.1 | -2.3 | -8.0 | -29.1 | -14.8 | -7.3 |
| **CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| a) AUGUST 2001 | 115.0 | 115.2 | 116.5 | 115.1 | 113.8 | 118.3 | 121.9 | 121.2 | 121.5 | 116.1 | 117.1 |
| b) AUGUST 2002 | 117.8 | 118.8 | 120.7 | 119.9 | 116.3 | 121.7 | 124.1 | 124.4 | 124.3 | 118.7 | 120.1 |
| c) Percent Change | 2.4 | 3.1 | 3.6 | 4.2 | 2.2 | 2.9 | 1.8 | 2.6 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.6 |

**RETAIL TRADE**

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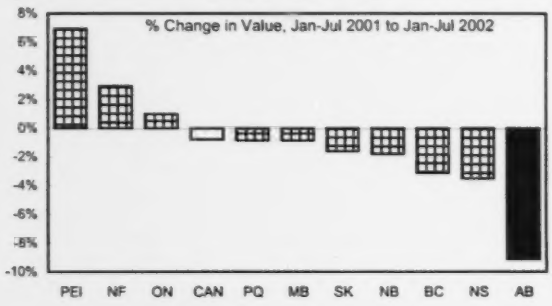


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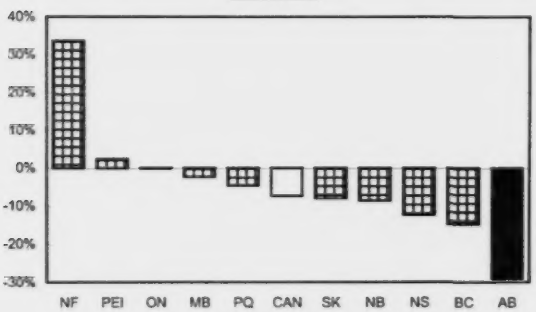


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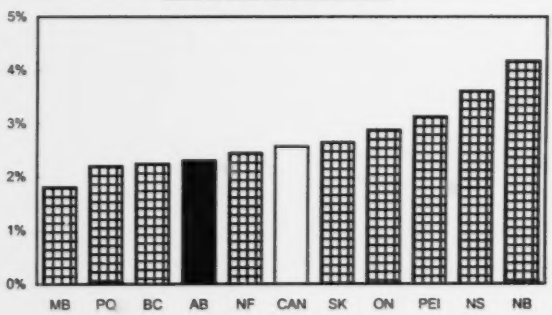

# Historic and Current Economic Indicators

Selected Series - Alberta

| | Unemployment Rate (%, SA) | Employed (000's) (SA) | Building Permits ($000,000) | | | Dwelling Starts (#, urban) | MLS Housing Resales (#) | Help Wanted Index (1996=100) | Wages and Salaries ($000,000) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Alberta | Calgary | Edmonton | | | | |
| 1993 | 9.6 | 1,295 | 2,713.4 | 866.9 | 857.1 | 15,163 | 37,024 | 90 | 34,871 |
| 1994 | 8.7 | 1,332 | 2,740.6 | 969.0 | 673.0 | 13,905 | 32,512 | 100 | 36,079 |
| 1995 | 7.8 | 1,369 | 2,506.6 | 973.4 | 550.5 | 10,531 | 29,098 | 90 | 36,834 |
| 1996 | 6.9 | 1,408 | 2,883.1 | 1,139.5 | 655.7 | 12,475 | 37,485 | 102 | 38,662 |
| 1997 | 5.8 | 1,458 | 4,446.3 | 1,828.1 | 878.7 | 18,938 | 43,693 | 146 | 43,822 |
| 1998 | 5.6 | 1,515 | 5,552.2 | 2,486.0 | 1,167.2 | 21,721 | 43,383 | 147 | 47,649 |
| Jan99 | 5.8 | 1,537 | 255.8 | 118.1 | 58.8 | 1,281 | 2,010 | 129.7 | 3,982 |
| Feb99 | 6.0 | 1,540 | 255.2 | 117.5 | 74.4 | 1,524 | 3,004 | 128.5 | 4,009 |
| Mar99 | 5.9 | 1,540 | 391.9 | 171.4 | 75.8 | 1,117 | 4,019 | 128.1 | 4,012 |
| Apr99 | 5.8 | 1,542 | 384.0 | 131.4 | 92.7 | 1,518 | 4,297 | 128.3 | 4,040 |
| May99 | 6.4 | 1,545 | 484.2 | 198.6 | 105.5 | 1,428 | 4,422 | 129.0 | 4,055 |
| Jun99 | 5.5 | 1,560 | 507.5 | 243.6 | 112.2 | 2,210 | 4,590 | 130.6 | 4,076 |
| Jul99 | 5.5 | 1,564 | 543.0 | 165.9 | 189.9 | 1,970 | 3,963 | 132.9 | 4,117 |
| Aug99 | 6.0 | 1,560 | 434.2 | 158.2 | 97.3 | 2,438 | 3,954 | 136.0 | 4,127 |
| Sep99 | 5.9 | 1,558 | 463.5 | 207.1 | 104.4 | 1,561 | 3,714 | 139.7 | 4,156 |
| Oct99 | 5.2 | 1,562 | 420.8 | 136.8 | 67.7 | 1,871 | 3,292 | 143.7 | 4,179 |
| Nov99 | 5.4 | 1,564 | 366.9 | 142.5 | 75.8 | 1,732 | 3,210 | 147.8 | 4,211 |
| Dec99 | 5.4 | 1,573 | 295.0 | 125.8 | 69.2 | 1,566 | 2,209 | 151.5 | 4,299 |
| Average/Sum | 5.7 | 1,553 | 4,801.9 | 1,916.8 | 1,123.7 | 20,216 | 42,684 | 135.5 | 49,263 |
| Jan00 | 5.0 | 1,575 | 336.0 | 183.3 | 82.3 | 1,252 | 2,482 | 154.7 | 4,349 |
| Feb00 | 4.9 | 1,582 | 338.1 | 162.2 | 63.1 | 1,220 | 3,371 | 157.2 | 4,391 |
| Mar00 | 5.0 | 1,587 | 478.9 | 206.5 | 124.7 | 1,323 | 4,186 | 159.2 | 4,412 |
| Apr00 | 5.0 | 1,583 | 466.7 | 210.4 | 101.1 | 1,846 | 3,802 | 160.8 | 4,515 |
| May00 | 4.8 | 1,585 | 552.2 | 238.3 | 139.0 | 2,438 | 4,691 | 162.4 | 4,478 |
| Jun00 | 5.0 | 1,581 | 587.7 | 271.4 | 130.0 | 2,031 | 4,396 | 164.5 | 4,525 |
| Jul00 | 5.2 | 1,573 | 337.2 | 85.6 | 100.4 | 1,932 | 3,755 | 167.0 | 4,550 |
| Aug00 | 5.3 | 1,580 | 562.7 | 213.2 | 124.6 | 1,914 | 3,994 | 170.1 | 4,603 |
| Sep00 | 4.9 | 1,592 | 439.8 | 189.3 | 102.9 | 2,027 | 3,698 | 173.1 | 4,641 |
| Oct00 | 4.6 | 1,600 | 548.7 | 275.5 | 113.1 | 1,784 | 3,544 | 175.9 | 4,684 |
| Nov00 | 5.0 | 1,607 | 367.3 | 137.9 | 93.5 | 2,004 | 3,120 | 177.9 | 4,719 |
| Dec00 | 4.8 | 1,616 | 281.2 | 113.1 | 74.3 | 1,735 | 2,272 | 179.3 | 4,756 |
| Average/Sum | 5.0 | 1,588 | 5,296.4 | 2,286.7 | 1,249.1 | 21,506 | 43,311 | 166.8 | 54,624 |
| Jan01 | 4.9 | 1,621 | 290.3 | 123.4 | 78.1 | 1,580 | 2,670 | 180.4 | 4,793 |
| Feb01 | 4.6 | 1,623 | 301.4 | 143.8 | 78.4 | 1,193 | 3,421 | 181.2 | 4,822 |
| Mar01 | 4.8 | 1,616 | 517.1 | 194.7 | 119.0 | 1,318 | 4,297 | 181.7 | 4,858 |
| Apr01 | 4.8 | 1,625 | 510.8 | 201.5 | 133.9 | 2,104 | 4,390 | 181.4 | 4,892 |
| May01 | 4.5 | 1,631 | 661.0 | 268.5 | 144.3 | 2,257 | 5,383 | 180.1 | 4,920 |
| Jun01 | 4.6 | 1,639 | 526.9 | 211.1 | 109.4 | 2,405 | 4,804 | 177.0 | 4,912 |
| Jul01 | 4.4 | 1,634 | 537.6 | 223.7 | 99.6 | 2,176 | 4,662 | 172.3 | 4,903 |
| Aug01 | 4.3 | 1,632 | 632.2 | 219.9 | 144.7 | 2,205 | 4,569 | 166.3 | 4,910 |
| Sep01 | 4.0 | 1,637 | 521.4 | 136.2 | 175.6 | 2,235 | 3,976 | 159.5 | 4,924 |
| Oct01 | 4.5 | 1,641 | 484.2 | 186.7 | 128.5 | 2,469 | 4,106 | 152.9 | 4,956 |
| Nov01 | 4.7 | 1,642 | 540.7 | 238.9 | 125.4 | 2,345 | 3,852 | 147.0 | 4,996 |
| Dec01 | 5.1 | 1,644 | 388.0 | 160.7 | 124.8 | 2,173 | 2,859 | 142.6 | 5,052 |
| Average/Sum | 4.6 | 1,632 | 5,911.7 | 2,309.1 | 1,461.8 | 24,457 | 48,989 | 168.5 | 58,938 |
| Jan02 | 4.7 | 1,655 | 406.1 | 148.5 | 152.6 | 1,974 | 3,524 | 139.6 | 5,146 |
| Feb02 | 5.1 | 1,645 | 391.7 | 160.1 | 94.9 | 1,911 | 4,367 | 137.9 | 5,106 |
| Mar02 | 5.0 | 1,656 | 551.7 | 224.0 | 133.3 | 2,585 | 4,487 | 137.1 | 5,143 |
| Apr02 | 5.3 | 1,651 | 631.9 | 300.7 | 134.3 | 2,669 | 5,314 | 136.9 | 5,189 |
| May02 | 5.9 | 1,654 | 657.6 | 275.3 | 129.5 | 3,149 | 5,178 | 134.9 | 5,222 |
| Jun02 | 5.6 | 1,665 | 668.5 | 277.1 | 150.6 | 3,373 | 4,745 | 137.7 | 5,251 |
| Jul02 | 5.0 | 1,691 | **761.7** | **275.4** | **181.8** | 2,215 | 4,711 | 140.2 | |
| Aug02 | 5.1 | 1,689 | **606.8** | **217.7** | **196.4** | **3,046** | **4,508** | 140.4 | |
| Sep02 | **5.8** | **1,677** | | | | **2,835** | | **136.7** | |
| Oct02 | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov02 | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec02 | | | | | | | | | |
| Average/Sum | | | | | | | | | |

# Historic and Current Economic Indicators

Selected Series - Alberta

| | Average Weekly Earnings ($) | International Travellers (#, direct entries) | Retail Trade ($000,000) | Rest., Caterer & Tavern Rec. ($000,000) | Wholesale Trade ($000,000) | New Motor Vehicle Sales (#) | Energy Production | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | Oil/Equiv. (Tsds $m^3$) | Gas (Mlns $m^3$) |
| 1993 | 573.88 | 593,928 | 20,545 | 2,156 | 19,547 | 122,852 | 84,084 | 145,788 |
| 1994 | 576.53 | 613,142 | 22,225 | 2,315 | 23,108 | 130,217 | 86,053 | 155,798 |
| 1995 | 575.34 | 706,941 | 22,733 | 2,432 | 24,317 | 122,244 | 88,486 | 162,097 |
| 1996 | 599.23 | 777,708 | 23,806 | 2,636 | 27,310 | 133,762 | 89,490 | 167,236 |
| 1997 | 620.38 | 787,755 | 26,939 | 3,008 | 34,198 | 167,671 | 92,333 | 168,095 |
| 1998 | 637.17 | 848,465 | 28,069 | 3,244 | 33,400 | 163,395 | 92,991 | 172,644 |
| Jan99 | 636.17 | 37,813 | 2,361 | 280 | 2,296 | 10,468 | 7,451 | 15,835 |
| Feb99 | 642.50 | 42,735 | 2,383 | 270 | 2,329 | 9,689 | 6,687 | 13,799 |
| Mar99 | 643.00 | 55,763 | 2,398 | 313 | 2,775 | 15,179 | 7,380 | 15,011 |
| Apr99 | 643.62 | 39,463 | 2,362 | 300 | 2,711 | 13,519 | 6,894 | 14,379 |
| May99 | 641.39 | 67,594 | 2,347 | 303 | 2,907 | 15,397 | 7,249 | 14,752 |
| Jun99 | 644.42 | 113,881 | 2,409 | 305 | 3,089 | 14,992 | 7,270 | 13,628 |
| Jul99 | 648.96 | 164,445 | 2,448 | 320 | 2,731 | 12,224 | 7,609 | 14,654 |
| Aug99 | 648.45 | 130,841 | 2,479 | 315 | 2,761 | 12,033 | 7,490 | 14,583 |
| Sep99 | 647.64 | 95,825 | 2,534 | 293 | 2,907 | 14,383 | 7,039 | 14,077 |
| Oct99 | 647.29 | 48,321 | 2,524 | 312 | 2,960 | 13,189 | 7,480 | 14,772 |
| Nov99 | 647.92 | 33,229 | 2,511 | 303 | 3,002 | 13,753 | 7,339 | 14,466 |
| Dec99 | 654.59 | 44,710 | 2,579 | 324 | 3,060 | 16,004 | 7,503 | 15,326 |
| Average/Sum | 645.50 | 874,620 | 29,335 | 3,638 | 33,528 | 160,830 | 87,391 | 175,279 |
| Jan00 | 654.46 | 38,270 | 2,536 | 291 | 2,610 | 10,840 | 7,442 | 15,618 |
| Feb00 | 658.83 | 44,450 | 2,556 | 309 | 2,787 | 10,699 | 6,982 | 14,568 |
| Mar00 | 661.27 | 57,454 | 2,586 | 351 | 3,186 | 15,794 | 6,977 | 14,951 |
| Apr00 | 661.31 | 44,279 | 2,592 | 331 | 2,954 | 16,561 | 7,170 | 14,225 |
| May00 | 664.23 | 65,874 | 2,593 | 333 | 3,578 | 17,933 | 7,455 | 14,419 |
| Jun00 | 665.92 | 116,378 | 2,620 | 339 | 3,457 | 16,350 | 7,369 | 13,735 |
| Jul00 | 668.95 | 159,277 | 2,665 | 344 | 3,191 | 13,185 | 7,367 | 14,580 |
| Aug00 | 670.41 | 129,697 | 2,691 | 351 | 3,212 | 14,316 | 7,491 | 14,585 |
| Sep00 | 667.44 | 89,705 | 2,724 | 343 | 3,204 | 16,202 | 7,093 | 13,949 |
| Oct00 | 666.84 | 47,554 | 2,697 | 343 | 3,337 | 13,526 | 7,154 | 14,774 |
| Nov00 | 668.65 | 34,197 | 2,728 | 346 | 3,221 | 13,775 | 7,295 | 14,785 |
| Dec00 | 671.16 | 53,594 | 2,724 | 354 | 3,089 | 15,544 | 7,500 | 15,957 |
| Average/Sum | 664.96 | 880,729 | 31,712 | 4,035 | 37,825 | 174,725 | 87,295 | 176,146 |
| Jan01 | 675.40 | 38,772 | 2,779 | 339 | 2,983 | 12,365 | 7,565 | 15,752 |
| Feb01 | 677.53 | 42,863 | 2,786 | 338 | 2,865 | 10,232 | 6,900 | 14,226 |
| Mar01 | 679.44 | 55,473 | 2,823 | 393 | 3,421 | 16,581 | 7,741 | 15,033 |
| Apr01 | 678.35 | 44,584 | 2,848 | 369 | 3,197 | 17,137 | 7,051 | 14,260 |
| May01 | 678.51 | 65,461 | 2,881 | 398 | 3,820 | 19,188 | 7,658 | 14,705 |
| Jun01 | 680.40 | 111,907 | 2,891 | 392 | 3,812 | 18,639 | 7,072 | 14,127 |
| Jul01 | 686.65 | 156,416 | 2,895 | 396 | 3,557 | 14,279 | 7,299 | 14,571 |
| Aug01 | 688.55 | 134,793 | 2,913 | 393 | 3,572 | 15,121 | 7,434 | 14,380 |
| Sep01 | 687.50 | 70,746 | 2,850 | 361 | 3,303 | 15,042 | 6,748 | 13,611 |
| Oct01 | 688.38 | 40,506 | 2,944 | 359 | 3,752 | 15,247 | 7,342 | 14,547 |
| Nov01 | 689.29 | 31,248 | 2,984 | 358 | 3,517 | 16,566 | 7,263 | 14,181 |
| Dec01 | 692.28 | 52,556 | 3,008 | 365 | 3,436 | 17,467 | 7,568 | 14,703 |
| Average/Sum | 683.52 | 845,325 | 34,602 | 4,460 | 41,234 | 187,864 | 87,639 | 174,094 |
| Jan02 | 695.13 | 35,849 | 3,080 | 326 | 3,178 | 14,645 | **7,493** | **15,264** |
| Feb02 | 695.50 | 41,273 | 3,080 | 319 | 2,964 | 12,595 | **6,894** | **13,544** |
| Mar02 | 696.08 | 55,342 | 3,033 | 357 | 3,355 | 17,455 | **7,467** | **15,143** |
| Apr02 | 696.87 | 37,483 | **3,083** | 346 | 3,495 | 18,742 | **7,262** | **14,050** |
| May02 | 695.30 | 62,974 | **3,110** | 372 | 3,844 | 21,286 | **7,131** | **14,065** |
| Jun02 | **697.01** | 101,239 | **3,159** | **376** | **3,627** | 20,090 | **6,977** | **13,343** |
| Jul02 | **701.92** | **153,478** | **3,119** | **383** | **3,618** | **15,647** | | |
| Aug02 | | | | **381** | | | | |
| Sep02 | | | | | | | | |
| Oct02 | | | | | | | | |
| Nov02 | | | | | | | | |
| Dec02 | | | | | | | | |
| Average/Sum | | | | | | | | |

# Historic and Current Economic Indicators

Selected Series - Alberta

| | Rigs | Energy Prices | | Manufacturing | International | Bankruptcies | | Incorporations | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Drilling (#) | WTI Crude (US$/barrel) | Gas (C$/GJ) | Shipments ($000,000) | Exports ($000,000) | Business (#) | Consumer (#) | Alberta (#) | Non-Alberta (#) |
| 1993 | 173 | 18.48 | 1.58 | 20,595 | 19,639 | 1,445 | 5,337 | 18,534 | 1,452 |
| 1994 | 240 | 17.18 | 1.72 | 24,885 | 22,904 | 1,592 | 5,966 | 20,286 | 1,518 |
| 1995 | 209 | 18.40 | 1.24 | 28,491 | 26,884 | 2,124 | 8,141 | 19,449 | 1,582 |
| 1996 | 236 | 22.01 | 1.54 | 30,677 | 31,698 | 2,008 | 9,936 | 20,489 | 1,768 |
| 1997 | 310 | 20.61 | 1.87 | 34,184 | 33,482 | 1,460 | 9,913 | 24,343 | 1,840 |
| 1998 | 221 | 14.43 | 1.84 | 32,842 | 31,010 | 1,349 | 8,108 | 21,484 | 1,881 |
| Jan99 | 296 | 12.49 | 2.04 | 2,339 | 2,445 | 135 | 641 | 1,854 | 140 |
| Feb99 | 271 | 12.02 | 1.90 | 2,342 | 2,185 | 114 | 705 | 1,692 | 140 |
| Mar99 | 196 | 14.68 | 1.80 | 2,882 | 2,453 | 147 | 879 | 2,023 | 172 |
| Apr99 | 53 | 17.30 | 1.90 | 2,807 | 2,441 | 127 | 780 | 1,888 | 163 |
| May99 | 64 | 17.77 | 2.21 | 3,106 | 2,803 | 120 | 693 | 1,857 | 158 |
| Jun99 | 152 | 17.92 | 2.22 | 3,128 | 2,877 | 141 | 788 | 1,807 | 145 |
| Jul99 | 156 | 20.10 | 2.33 | 3,011 | 2,897 | 131 | 689 | 1,731 | 153 |
| Aug99 | 206 | 21.28 | 2.60 | 3,150 | 3,087 | 95 | 730 | 1,695 | 145 |
| Sep99 | 234 | 23.79 | 2.86 | 3,269 | 3,171 | 144 | 722 | 1,885 | 136 |
| Oct99 | 264 | 22.67 | 2.72 | 3,319 | 3,311 | 123 | 742 | 1,894 | 135 |
| Nov99 | 300 | 24.71 | 3.06 | 3,345 | 3,522 | 156 | 768 | 2,037 | 164 |
| Dec99 | 354 | 26.09 | 2.54 | 3,315 | 3,415 | 120 | 645 | 2,399 | 135 |
| Average/Sum | 212 | 19.24 | 2.35 | 36,014 | 34,605 | 1,553 | 8,782 | 22,762 | 1,786 |
| Jan00 | 381 | 27.01 | 2.50 | 3,004 | 3,709 | 154 | 747 | 2,059 | 144 |
| Feb00 | 404 | 29.30 | 2.62 | 3,088 | 3,807 | 166 | 744 | 2,146 | 160 |
| Mar00 | 337 | 29.89 | 2.72 | 3,575 | 4,094 | 166 | 824 | 2,709 | 185 |
| Apr00 | 137 | 25.54 | 3.10 | 3,206 | 4,060 | 118 | 731 | 2,161 | 170 |
| May00 | 174 | 28.81 | 3.35 | 3,802 | 4,244 | 130 | 834 | 2,380 | 181 |
| Jun00 | 250 | 31.53 | 4.33 | 3,624 | 4,692 | 112 | 855 | 2,321 | 165 |
| Jul00 | 276 | 29.72 | 4.42 | 3,484 | 4,611 | 118 | 664 | 1,923 | 128 |
| Aug00 | 275 | 31.14 | 3.93 | 3,745 | 4,587 | 164 | 786 | 2,118 | 160 |
| Sep00 | 269 | 33.87 | 4.66 | 3,658 | 4,804 | 136 | 725 | 2,233 | 165 |
| Oct00 | 312 | 32.93 | 5.53 | 4,015 | 5,354 | 179 | 722 | 2,321 | 181 |
| Nov00 | 332 | 34.26 | 5.79 | 3,731 | 5,305 | 146 | 742 | 2,365 | 183 |
| Dec00 | 387 | 28.40 | 8.28 | 3,650 | 6,064 | 120 | 473 | 2,265 | 148 |
| Average/Sum | 295 | 30.20 | 4.27 | 42,582 | 55,331 | 1,710 | 8,847 | 27,001 | 1,970 |
| Jan01 | 430 | 29.26 | 11.21 | 3,589 | 7,562 | 140 | 727 | 2,608 | 184 |
| Feb01 | 428 | 29.64 | 8.05 | 3,306 | 5,581 | 132 | 640 | 2,228 | 157 |
| Mar01 | 402 | 27.27 | 6.48 | 3,688 | 5,545 | 189 | 722 | 2,545 | 201 |
| Apr01 | 216 | 27.62 | 6.59 | 3,364 | 5,121 | 139 | 655 | 2,321 | 160 |
| May01 | 229 | 28.33 | 5.74 | 3,885 | 4,905 | 155 | 700 | 2,488 | 177 |
| Jun01 | 266 | 27.58 | 4.44 | 3,717 | 4,752 | 142 | 669 | 2,294 | 176 |
| Jul01 | 277 | 26.48 | 3.75 | 3,600 | 4,119 | 122 | 657 | 2,154 | 129 |
| Aug01 | 295 | 27.31 | 3.53 | 3,769 | 4,238 | 127 | 632 | 2,235 | 149 |
| Sep01 | 270 | 26.04 | 2.76 | 3,514 | 3,787 | 111 | 625 | 2,006 | 156 |
| Oct01 | 256 | 22.25 | 2.40 | 3,512 | 3,849 | 174 | 837 | 2,397 | 155 |
| Nov01 | 247 | 19.67 | 3.33 | 3,373 | 3,949 | 145 | 726 | 2,333 | 151 |
| Dec01 | 264 | 19.40 | 3.20 | 3,077 | 3,573 | 112 | 531 | 2,298 | 160 |
| Average/Sum | 298 | 25.90 | 5.12 | 42,394 | 56,982 | 1,698 | 8,112 | 27,907 | 1,955 |
| Jan02 | 377 | 19.73 | 3.17 | 3,037 | 3,592 | 186 | 693 | 2,590 | 172 |
| Feb02 | 358 | 20.75 | 2.71 | 2,875 | 3,146 | 169 | 676 | 2,188 | 165 |
| Mar02 | 271 | 24.48 | 3.23 | 3,173 | 3,762 | 224 | 701 | 2,220 | 202 |
| Apr02 | 106 | 26.31 | 3.91 | **3,236** | 3,969 | 170 | 740 | 2,557 | 161 |
| May02 | 109 | 26.94 | 3.91 | **3,643** | **4,154** | 200 | 708 | 2,500 | 174 |
| Jun02 | 196 | 25.58 | 3.54 | **3,447** | **4,015** | 161 | 708 | 2,204 | 159 |
| Jul02 | 245 | 26.95 | **3.17** | **3,445** | **3,995** | **145** | **676** | | |
| Aug02 | 191 | **28.20** | | | | **152** | **695** | | |
| Sep02 | **189** | **29.67** | | | | | | | |
| Oct02 | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov02 | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec02 | | | | | | | | | |
| Average/Sum | | | | | | | | | |

# Historic and Current Economic Indicators

Selected Series

| | Consumer Price Index (1992 = 100) | | | Consumer Price Index (1995 = 100) | | Exchange Rates | | Prime Rates | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Alberta | Edmonton | Calgary | Canada | U.S | (Cdn$/US$) | (Cdn$/EURO) | Canada (%) | U.S. (%) |
| 1993 | 101.2 | 100.8 | 101.3 | 97.7 | 94.8 | 1.2901 | N/A | 5.94 | 6.00 |
| 1994 | 102.6 | 102.4 | 102.8 | 97.9 | 97.3 | 1.3657 | N/A | 6.88 | 7.21 |
| 1995 | 105.0 | 104.5 | 105.1 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 1.3725 | N/A | 8.65 | 8.81 |
| 1996 | 107.3 | 106.8 | 107.4 | 101.6 | 102.9 | 1.3635 | N/A | 6.06 | 8.27 |
| 1997 | 109.5 | 108.7 | 109.7 | 103.2 | 105.3 | 1.3844 | N/A | 4.96 | 8.46 |
| 1998 | 110.7 | 109.7 | 111.3 | 104.2 | 107.0 | 1.4831 | N/A | 6.60 | 8.31 |
| Jan99 | 111.7 | 110.5 | 112.4 | 104.6 | 107.8 | 1.5192 | 1.7615 | 6.75 | 7.75 |
| Feb99 | 111.6 | 110.5 | 112.4 | 104.5 | 108.0 | 1.4973 | 1.6778 | 6.75 | 7.75 |
| Mar99 | 111.9 | 110.7 | 112.6 | 105.1 | 108.3 | 1.5175 | 1.6521 | 6.75 | 7.75 |
| Apr99 | 112.2 | 111.0 | 112.9 | 105.7 | 109.1 | 1.4874 | 1.5913 | 6.50 | 7.75 |
| May99 | 113.0 | 111.8 | 113.7 | 105.8 | 109.1 | 1.4620 | 1.5531 | 6.25 | 7.75 |
| Jun99 | 113.3 | 112.0 | 114.0 | 105.9 | 109.1 | 1.4691 | 1.5244 | 6.25 | 7.75 |
| Jul99 | 113.6 | 112.4 | 114.3 | 106.3 | 109.4 | 1.4888 | 1.5443 | 6.25 | 8.00 |
| Aug99 | 114.3 | 113.2 | 115.1 | 106.6 | 109.7 | 1.4923 | 1.5826 | 6.25 | 8.25 |
| Sep99 | 114.9 | 113.8 | 115.7 | 106.9 | 110.2 | 1.4768 | 1.5505 | 6.25 | 8.25 |
| Oct99 | 115.1 | 113.7 | 116.1 | 107.0 | 110.4 | 1.4773 | 1.5817 | 6.25 | 8.25 |
| Nov99 | 114.6 | 113.3 | 115.5 | 106.9 | 110.4 | 1.4675 | 1.5149 | 6.50 | 8.50 |
| Dec99 | 115.1 | 113.8 | 116.0 | 107.0 | 110.4 | 1.4733 | 1.4899 | 6.50 | 8.50 |
| Average/Sum | 113.4 | 112.2 | 114.2 | 106.0 | 109.3 | 1.4857 | 1.5853 | 6.44 | 8.02 |
| Jan00 | 114.7 | 113.3 | 115.6 | 106.9 | 110.7 | 1.4489 | 1.4676 | 6.50 | 8.50 |
| Feb00 | 114.7 | 113.3 | 115.5 | 107.5 | 111.4 | 1.4511 | 1.4273 | 6.75 | 8.75 |
| Mar00 | 115.8 | 114.4 | 116.7 | 108.2 | 112.3 | 1.4606 | 1.4088 | 7.00 | 9.00 |
| Apr00 | 115.9 | 114.5 | 116.8 | 107.9 | 112.3 | 1.4684 | 1.3881 | 7.00 | 9.00 |
| May00 | 116.6 | 115.1 | 117.7 | 108.4 | 112.4 | 1.4955 | 1.3567 | 7.50 | 9.50 |
| Jun00 | 117.1 | 115.6 | 118.2 | 109.1 | 113.1 | 1.4768 | 1.4039 | 7.50 | 9.50 |
| Jul00 | 118.2 | 116.6 | 119.3 | 109.5 | 113.4 | 1.4779 | 1.3871 | 7.50 | 9.50 |
| Aug00 | 118.3 | 116.8 | 119.4 | 109.3 | 113.4 | 1.4825 | 1.3406 | 7.50 | 9.50 |
| Sep00 | 119.1 | 117.4 | 120.4 | 109.8 | 114.0 | 1.4862 | 1.2925 | 7.50 | 9.50 |
| Oct00 | 119.2 | 117.8 | 120.1 | 110.0 | 114.2 | 1.5123 | 1.2894 | 7.50 | 9.50 |
| Nov00 | 119.6 | 118.0 | 120.7 | 110.4 | 114.3 | 1.5422 | 1.3173 | 7.50 | 9.50 |
| Dec00 | 119.6 | 118.0 | 120.8 | 110.5 | 114.2 | 1.5224 | 1.3653 | 7.50 | 9.50 |
| Average/Sum | 117.4 | 115.9 | 118.4 | 109.0 | 113.0 | 1.4854 | 1.3704 | 7.27 | 9.27 |
| Jan01 | 116.0 | 113.6 | 118.0 | 110.1 | 114.9 | 1.5032 | 1.4099 | 7.25 | 9.00 |
| Feb01 | 118.8 | 117.1 | 120.1 | 110.5 | 115.4 | 1.5218 | 1.4008 | 7.25 | 8.50 |
| Mar01 | 118.7 | 117.0 | 120.1 | 110.9 | 115.6 | 1.5585 | 1.4154 | 6.75 | 8.00 |
| Apr01 | 118.9 | 117.2 | 120.3 | 111.7 | 116.1 | 1.5575 | 1.3906 | 6.50 | 7.50 |
| May01 | 123.2 | 121.5 | 124.6 | 112.7 | 116.6 | 1.5415 | 1.3482 | 6.25 | 7.00 |
| Jun01 | 123.5 | 121.8 | 125.0 | 112.8 | 116.8 | 1.5244 | 1.3004 | 6.25 | 7.00 |
| Jul01 | 121.6 | 120.1 | 122.8 | 112.4 | 116.5 | 1.5304 | 1.3186 | 6.00 | 6.75 |
| Aug01 | 121.5 | 119.9 | 122.6 | 112.4 | 116.5 | 1.5402 | 1.3900 | 5.75 | 6.50 |
| Sep01 | 122.4 | 120.9 | 123.4 | 112.7 | 117.0 | 1.5677 | 1.4295 | 5.25 | 6.00 |
| Oct01 | 121.0 | 119.4 | 122.2 | 112.1 | 116.6 | 1.5712 | 1.4222 | 4.50 | 5.50 |
| Nov01 | 116.6 | 115.1 | 117.6 | 111.1 | 116.4 | 1.5924 | 1.4138 | 4.00 | 5.00 |
| Dec01 | 118.5 | 117.5 | 118.8 | 111.2 | 116.0 | 1.5775 | 1.4070 | 4.00 | 4.75 |
| Average/Sum | 120.1 | 118.4 | 121.3 | 111.7 | 116.2 | 1.5489 | 1.3872 | 5.81 | 6.79 |
| Jan02 | 120.1 | 118.4 | 121.1 | 111.5 | 116.2 | 1.6003 | 1.4136 | 3.75 | 4.75 |
| Feb02 | 120.7 | 119.1 | 121.8 | 112.2 | 116.7 | 1.5985 | 1.3895 | 3.75 | 4.75 |
| Mar02 | 121.0 | 118.2 | 123.3 | 112.9 | 117.3 | 1.5870 | 1.3917 | 3.75 | 4.75 |
| Apr02 | 122.9 | 119.9 | 125.4 | 113.6 | 118.0 | 1.5814 | 1.4012 | 4.00 | 4.75 |
| May02 | 123.5 | 120.4 | 125.4 | 113.8 | 118.0 | 1.5497 | 1.4208 | 4.00 | 4.75 |
| Jun02 | 124.1 | 121.2 | 126.3 | **114.2** | 118.1 | 1.5317 | 1.4646 | 4.25 | 4.75 |
| Jul02 | 124.1 | 121.5 | 126.0 | | **118.2** | 1.5459 | 1.5352 | 4.50 | 4.75 |
| Aug02 | **124.3** | **122.1** | **125.6** | | | 1.5679 | 1.5331 | 4.50 | 4.75 |
| Sep02 | | | | | | **1.5758** | **1.5456** | **4.50** | **4.75** |
| Oct02 | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov02 | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec02 | | | | | | | | | |
| Average/Sum | | | | | | | | | |

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# Current Economic Indicators
# November 2002
# Highlights

**Labour Force:** Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 5.7% in October, down from 5.8% in September, as employment levels rose 6,500. Compared with October 2001, Alberta has created 42,400 jobs, a 2.6% increase, as a result of strong gains in the construction and service sectors. Canada's unemployment rate fell from 7.7% to 7.6% between September and October. Alberta had the second lowest unemployment rate in Canada after Manitoba.

**Construction:** In October, urban housing starts increased strongly by 33.1% from October 2001. The 3,286 starts registered was the highest October level on record. Year-to-date housing starts in Alberta and Canada are also up strongly, by 36.6% and 27.6% respectively, from the same period of last year. In September, the value of Alberta building permits increased by 14.9% compared to September 2001. Institutional permits nearly doubled, commercial permits rose 46% and residential permits 17%. Year-to-date permits are up 17.5% from the previous year - a 38% jump in residential permits more than offset a 9% decline in the non-residential sector caused by a large decline in industrial permits.

**Domestic Trade:** Alberta retail sales increased by 7.1% in August compared to the same month of the previous year. In the first eight months of 2002, retail sales were up a nation-leading 8.6%, while Canadian retail sales increased by 6.1%. Compared to 2001 levels, new motor vehicle sales increased by 8.6% in August and by 10.8% for the year-to-date. In the January to September period, the value of Alberta's MLS sales (housing re-sales) was up strongly by 18.6% from the same period of 2001, as both prices and the number of units sold increased. Albertans paid 2.9% more for the goods and services comprising the Consumer Price Index (CPI) in September than they did in the same month last year.

**Energy:** In October, the average number of active drilling rigs was down 28.9% from the same month of last year. In the first seven months of 2002, production of natural gas fell by 3.3% and of crude oil by 1.1%.

**Manufacturing:** The recovery in Alberta's manufacturing sector is becoming stronger each month: the seasonally adjusted shipment value gained 8.5% between last December and August 2002. However, shipments still remain below 2001 levels. In August, they lagged last year's levels by 3.6%, led by sharp declines for the *Computers and Electronics* (mainly telecom equipment) and *Machinery* industries. For the first eight months of 2002, total shipments were 8.5% lower, compared with the same period of last year.

**Exports:** Alberta's international exports fell by 7.3% in August, compared with August 2001. Energy exports declined 7.8%, mainly as a result of lower volumes, while exports of agricultural products, forestry products and industrial goods were also lower than in the previous year. Exports for the first eight months of 2002 were down 27.1% from the same period last year, mainly due to a 35.2% decline in energy shipments. Year-to-date exports to the US, Alberta's largest trading partner, were 29.2% lower than in the previous year.

**Bankruptcies:** In September, the number of business bankruptcies was up by 37.8% from September 2001, and of consumer bankruptcies by 0.6%. During the first nine months of 2002, the number of consumer and business bankruptcies increased by 3.4% and 23.8% respectively, compared with the same period of 2001. New business incorporations increased by 4.3% in October, compared with October 2001. For the January to October period, incorporations were 0.2% higher.

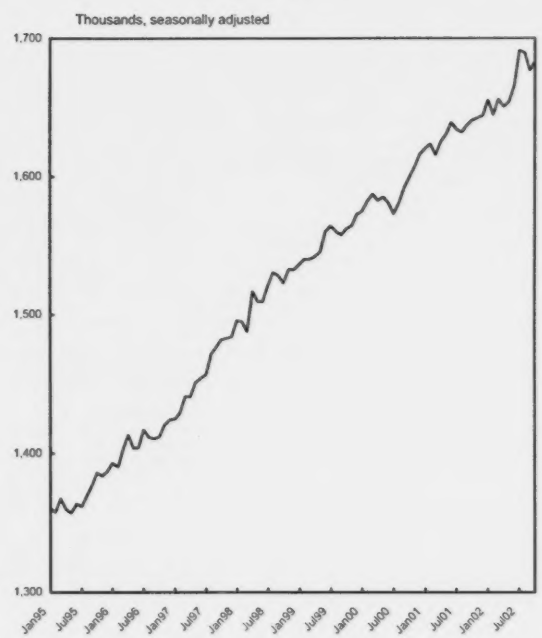
# CURRENT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

| LABOUR FORCE (seasonally adjusted) | AUG01 | SEP01 | OCT01 | AUG02 | SEP02 | OCT02 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alberta | | | | | | |
| a) Labour Force (000's) | 1,705.9 | 1,705.2 | 1,718.5 | 1,780.3 | 1,779.5 | 1,785.8 |
| b) Employed (000's) | 1,632.1 | 1,637.2 | 1,640.8 | 1,689.4 | 1,676.7 | 1,683.2 |
| c) Unemployment (000's) | 73.8 | 68.0 | 77.7 | 90.9 | 102.8 | 102.6 |
| d) Unemployment Rate (%) | 4.3 | 4.0 | 4.5 | 5.1 | 5.8 | 5.7 |
| e) Participation Rate (%) | 71.9 | 71.7 | 72.1 | 73.4 | 73.2 | 73.3 |

| LABOUR FORCE (unadjusted) | AUG01 | SEP01 | OCT01 | AUG02 | SEP02 | OCT02 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alberta | | | | | | |
| a) Unemployment Rate - Alberta (%) | 4.8 | 3.6 | 4.2 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 5.4 |
| Calgary | 4.9 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 6.1 | 6.3 | 6.3 |
| Edmonton | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 4.8 |
| b) Male Unemployment Rate (%) | 4.4 | 3.1 | 4.2 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 5.4 |
| c) Female Unemployment Rate (%) | 5.4 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 6.4 | 5.7 | 5.4 |
| d) Youth Unemployment Rate (%) | 9.5 | 8.0 | 9.7 | 10.2 | 11.2 | 11.8 |
| e) Participation Rate (%) | 73.3 | 71.6 | 71.8 | 74.9 | 72.9 | 72.9 |
| Calgary | 77.3 | 77.1 | 76.3 | 77.3 | 77.1 | 75.9 |
| Edmonton | 72.2 | 70.6 | 69.8 | 73.6 | 72.9 | 71.9 |
| f) Unemployment (000's) | 83.8 | 61.1 | 72.6 | 100.1 | 92.7 | 95.5 |
| Calgary | 29.9 | 29.3 | 27.5 | 38.4 | 39.7 | 38.9 |
| Edmonton | 23.4 | 22.8 | 24.1 | 29.5 | 28.3 | 26.8 |
| g) Employed (000's) | 1,656.7 | 1,642.3 | 1,638.6 | 1,715.5 | 1,680.4 | 1,681.6 |
| Full-time | 1,401.0 | 1,401.0 | 1,341.6 | 1,453.0 | 1,453.0 | 1,377.4 |
| Part-time | 255.8 | 255.8 | 297.0 | 262.5 | 262.5 | 304.2 |
| Calgary | 581.5 | 582.4 | 579.3 | 592.2 | 590.3 | 583.1 |
| Edmonton | 520.3 | 509.6 | 503.6 | 537.3 | 533.9 | 528.7 |

NOTE: Calgary and Edmonton estimates are 3-month moving averages.

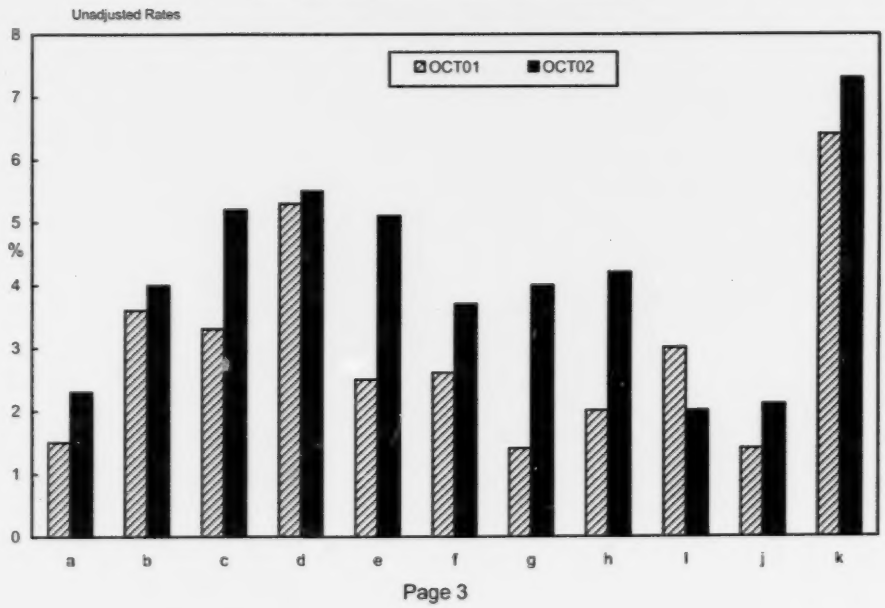
## EMPLOYMENT




## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

| INDUSTRY LABOUR FORCE (unadjusted) | AUG01 | SEP01 | OCT01 | AUG02 | SEP02 | OCT02 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Alberta** | | | | | | |
| **a) Agriculture** | | | | | | |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 2.1 | 0.7 | 1.5 | 4.0 | 3.1 | 2.3 |
| Employed (000's) | 59.7 | 59.3 | 61.0 | 63.2 | 61.8 | 67.1 |
| **b) Mining & Oil & Gas Extraction** | | | | | | |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 2.7 | 2.3 | 3.6 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 4.0 |
| Employed (000's) | 108.1 | 108.3 | 106.9 | 84.7 | 81.6 | 87.4 |
| **c) Manufacturing** | | | | | | |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 3.0 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 4.5 | 3.0 | 5.2 |
| Employed (000's) | 147.4 | 139.2 | 141.1 | 154.8 | 157.3 | 148.1 |
| **d) Construction** | | | | | | |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 5.0 | 4.2 | 5.3 | 4.4 | 6.4 | 5.5 |
| Employed (000's) | 140.0 | 133.9 | 130.2 | 148.2 | 143.1 | 144.7 |
| **e) Retail Trade** | | | | | | |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 4.0 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 3.3 | 5.3 | 5.1 |
| Employed (000's) | 189.5 | 190.1 | 195.5 | 187.6 | 186.8 | 186.6 |
| **f) Transportation & Warehousing** | | | | | | |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.6 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 3.7 |
| Employed (000's) | 100.9 | 101.6 | 98.9 | 103.1 | 102.7 | 100.7 |
| **g) Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing** | | | | | | |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 2.1 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 4.0 |
| Employed (000's) | 77.5 | 75.4 | 76.1 | 91.1 | 88.9 | 85.8 |
| **h) Professional, Scientific & Technical Services** | | | | | | |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 4.4 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 4.2 |
| Employed (000's) | 118.4 | 117.1 | 118.9 | 124.3 | 122.5 | 118.0 |
| **i) Educational Services** | | | | | | |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 11.1 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 8.5 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| Employed (000's) | 89.8 | 107.2 | 107.3 | 93.0 | 105.4 | 105.7 |
| **j) Health Care & Social Assistance** | | | | | | |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 2.1 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 2.6 | 2.0 | 2.1 |
| Employed (000's) | 147.7 | 145.6 | 146.1 | 162.6 | 162.1 | 164.0 |
| **k) Accommodation & Food Services** | | | | | | |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 6.8 | 3.3 | 6.4 | 7.6 | 5.3 | 7.3 |
| Employed (000's) | 111.4 | 113.3 | 115.4 | 123.8 | 118.0 | 118.0 |

## INDUSTRY UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



| BUILDING PERMITS ($000,000) | JANUARY - SEPTEMBER | | | AUGUST | | | SEPTEMBER | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
| Total Value - Alberta | 4,498.9 | 5,285.3 | 17.5 | 632.2 | 617.2 | -2.4 | 521.4 | 598.9 | 14.9 |
| Calgary | 1,722.8 | 2,096.2 | 21.7 | 219.9 | 217.7 | -1.0 | 136.2 | 217.4 | 59.6 |
| Edmonton | 1,083.0 | 1,344.9 | 24.2 | 144.7 | 196.4 | 35.8 | 175.6 | 171.6 | -2.3 |
| Residential - Alberta | 2,541.0 | 3,500.8 | 37.8 | 343.4 | 403.7 | 17.6 | 297.3 | 348.1 | 17.1 |
| Calgary | 1,097.0 | 1,514.6 | 38.1 | 150.1 | 151.7 | 1.1 | 99.0 | 144.8 | 46.3 |
| Edmonton | 585.8 | 909.8 | 55.3 | 86.4 | 124.5 | 44.0 | 73.6 | 96.3 | 30.8 |
| Industrial - Alberta | 504.5 | 304.4 | -39.7 | 105.4 | 35.4 | -66.4 | 88.7 | 38.7 | -56.4 |
| Calgary | 66.1 | 36.7 | -44.5 | 2.9 | 7.6 | 163.3 | 1.2 | 2.1 | 75.2 |
| Edmonton | 105.6 | 95.9 | -9.2 | 15.7 | 11.0 | -30.3 | 46.5 | 4.9 | -89.5 |
| Commercial - Alberta | 1,001.4 | 1,024.4 | 2.3 | 103.9 | 131.3 | 26.4 | 106.0 | 155.2 | 46.4 |
| Calgary | 392.5 | 420.2 | 7.0 | 48.9 | 42.2 | -13.7 | 34.9 | 58.6 | 68.0 |
| Edmonton | 268.7 | 276.6 | 2.9 | 20.6 | 44.7 | 117.6 | 40.8 | 65.1 | 59.5 |
| Institutional/Government - Alberta | 452.0 | 455.7 | 0.8 | 79.5 | 46.7 | -41.3 | 29.4 | 56.8 | 93.3 |
| Calgary | 167.2 | 124.8 | -25.4 | 18.0 | 16.2 | -10.2 | 1.1 | 11.9 | 967.3 |
| Edmonton | 122.8 | 62.6 | -49.0 | 22.0 | 16.3 | -25.9 | 14.6 | 5.2 | -64.2 |

| HOUSING STARTS (urban) | JANUARY - OCTOBER | | | SEPTEMBER | | | OCTOBER | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
| Alberta | | | | | | | | | |
| a) Total | 19,939 | 27,236 | 36.6 | 2,231 | 2,770 | 24.2 | 2,469 | 3,286 | 33.1 |
| - Single Detached | 13,108 | 16,682 | 27.3 | 1,600 | 1,847 | 15.4 | 1,423 | 1,726 | 21.3 |
| - All Others* | 6,831 | 10,554 | 54.5 | 631 | 923 | 46.3 | 1,046 | 1,560 | 49.1 |
| b) Calgary | 9,315 | 12,124 | 30.2 | 953 | 1,328 | 39.3 | 1,092 | 1,342 | 22.9 |
| c) Edmonton | 6,285 | 10,250 | 63.1 | 795 | 1,030 | 29.6 | 677 | 1,354 | 100.0 |

* Includes: two family, row, and apartment dwellings

| MULTIPLE LISTING SERVICE (MLS) HOUSING RESALES | JANUARY - SEPTEMBER | | | AUGUST | | | SEPTEMBER | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
| a) Alberta - total units | 38,172 | 40,942 | 7.3 | 4,569 | 4,508 | -1.3 | 3,976 | 4,108 | 3.3 |
| - Calgary | 17,370 | 19,791 | 13.9 | 2,028 | 2,133 | 5.2 | 1,869 | 1,981 | 6.0 |
| - Edmonton | 12,593 | 12,852 | 2.1 | 1,448 | 1,388 | -4.1 | 1,239 | 1,281 | 3.4 |
| b) Alberta - total value ($000,000) | 5,844.1 | 6,929.6 | 18.6 | 694.3 | 779.3 | 12.2 | 616.2 | 698.1 | 13.3 |
| - Calgary | 3,162.1 | 3,896.5 | 23.2 | 371.2 | 431.8 | 16.3 | 339.4 | 391.1 | 15.2 |
| - Edmonton | 1,669.4 | 1,922.8 | 15.2 | 189.8 | 210.6 | 11.0 | 166.5 | 193.2 | 16.0 |

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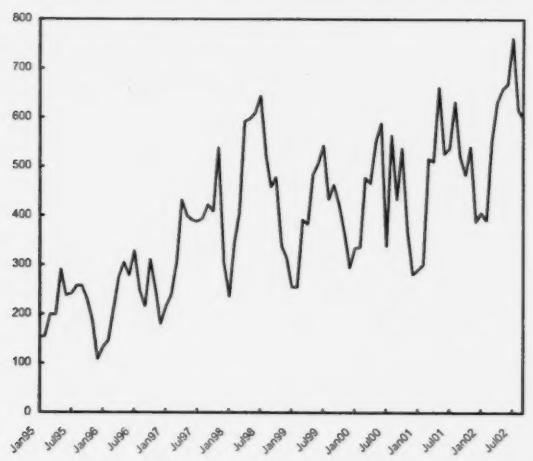


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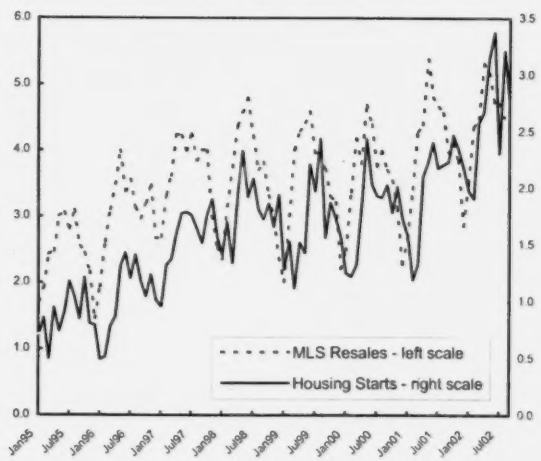


| HELP WANTED INDEX | JANUARY - OCTOBER | | | SEPTEMBER | | | OCTOBER | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
| **Alberta** | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996=100 - seasonally adjusted | 173.3 | 137.1 | -20.9 | 159.5 | 136.7 | -14.3 | 152.9 | 130.0 | -15.0 |

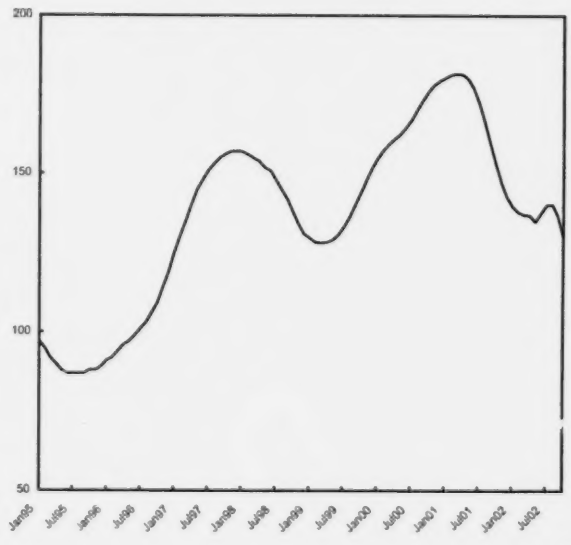
| WAGES AND SALARIES ($000,000) | JANUARY - JUNE | | | MAY | | | JUNE | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
| **Alberta** | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 29,197 | 31,056 | 6.4 | 4,920 | 5,222 | 6.1 | 4,912 | 5,251 | 6.9 |

| AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS ALL EMPLOYEES | JANUARY - AUGUST | | | JULY | | | AUGUST | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
| **Alberta** | | | | | | | | | |
| $/week, incl. overtime | $680.60 | $697.07 | 2.4 | $686.65 | $699.90 | 1.9 | $688.55 | $700.77 | 1.8 |

| INTERNATIONAL TRAVELLERS, NON-RESIDENTS ENTERING ALBERTA | JANUARY - AUGUST | | | JULY | | | AUGUST | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
| **Alberta** | | | | | | | | | |
| Total (excludes same-day) | 650,269 | 614,284 | -5.5 | 156,416 | 153,478 | -1.9 | 134,793 | 126,646 | -6.0 |
| - U.S.A. (excludes same-day) | 446,802 | 452,323 | 1.2 | 112,032 | 119,236 | 6.4 | 96,233 | 96,527 | 0.3 |
| - United Kingdom | 80,530 | 68,666 | -14.7 | 12,997 | 11,198 | -13.8 | 12,012 | 9,491 | -21.0 |
| - Germany | 26,533 | 20,928 | -21.1 | 6,247 | 4,924 | -21.2 | 5,371 | 4,573 | -14.9 |
| - Japan | 24,644 | 11,835 | -52.0 | 5,776 | 2,732 | -52.7 | 6,819 | 3,907 | -42.7 |
| - Netherlands | 13,761 | 11,583 | -15.8 | 4,067 | 2,981 | -26.7 | 2,550 | 2,236 | -12.3 |
| - Mexico | 4,704 | 4,915 | 4.5 | 1,270 | 1,184 | -6.8 | 865 | 1,091 | 26.1 |
| - Australia | 5,330 | 4,597 | -13.8 | 1,091 | 1,014 | -7.1 | 679 | 766 | 12.8 |
| - Switzerland | 6,292 | 4,720 | -25.0 | 2,124 | 1,960 | -7.7 | 1,455 | 1,003 | -31.1 |

Figures given are for non-residents entering Alberta directly. Consequently, actual totals will be understated since significant numbers of tourists enter via other provinces.

## HELP WANTED INDEX

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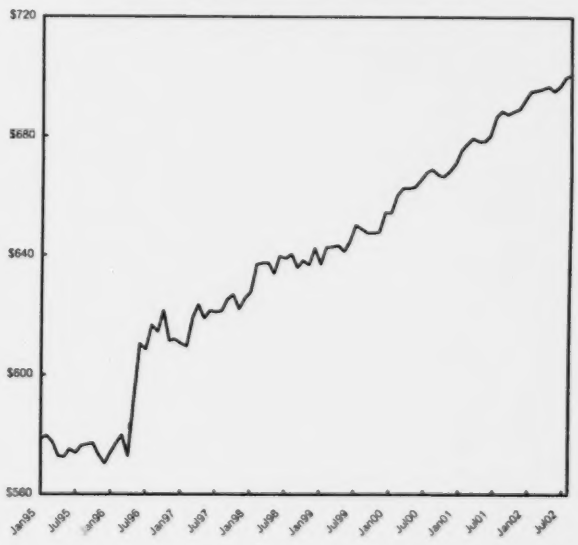


| RETAIL TRADE ($000,000) | JANUARY - AUGUST 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | JULY 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | AUGUST 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Alberta** | | | | | | | | | |
| Total All Stores, seasonally adjusted | 22,816 | 24,780 | 8.6 | 2,895 | 3,121 | 7.8 | 2,913 | 3,119 | 7.1 |
| - Food & Drug Stores | 5,847 | 6,331 | 8.3 | 748 | 819 | 9.4 | 802 | 879 | 9.6 |
| - Clothing & Shoe Stores | 1,050 | 1,079 | 2.8 | 137 | 139 | 1.7 | 158 | 165 | 4.5 |
| - Furniture, Appliances, Furnishings | 1,292 | 1,429 | 10.6 | 164 | 177 | 7.9 | 176 | 208 | 18.4 |
| - Motor & R.V. Dealers | 5,405 | 6,087 | 12.6 | 792 | 885 | 11.8 | 810 | 846 | 4.5 |
| - Gasoline Service Stations | 1,781 | 1,868 | 4.9 | 241 | 284 | 17.8 | 247 | 275 | 11.7 |
| - Auto Parts, Access. & Services | 1,347 | 1,458 | 8.2 | 187 | 207 | 10.6 | 188 | 188 | 0.2 |
| - General Merchandise Stores | 2,286 | 2,454 | 7.4 | 307 | 323 | 5.3 | 316 | 339 | 7.3 |
| - All Other Stores | 2,359 | 2,540 | 7.7 | 329 | 354 | 7.7 | 347 | 363 | 4.6 |

NOTE: The Total All Stores series is seasonally adjusted; the sales by store type series are not seasonally adjusted

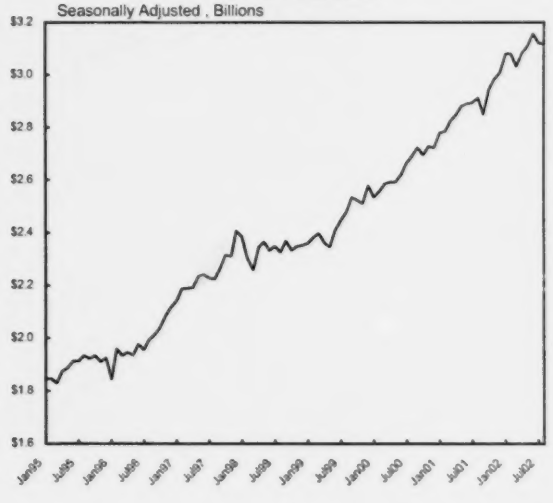
| RESTAURANT, CATERER AND TAVERN RECEIPTS ($000,000) | JANUARY - AUGUST 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | JULY 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | AUGUST 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Alberta** | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 3,017 | 2,859 | -5.2 | 396 | 383 | -3.4 | 393 | 381 | -3.1 |

| WHOLESALE TRADE ($000,000) | JANUARY - AUGUST 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | JULY 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | AUGUST 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Alberta** | | | | | | | | | |
| All Merchants, not seas. adjusted | 27,226 | 27,635 | 1.5 | 3,557 | 3,627 | 2.0 | 3,572 | 3,545 | -0.8 |

| NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES | JANUARY - AUGUST 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | JULY 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | AUGUST 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Alberta** | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Number Sold | 123,543 | 136,889 | 10.8 | 14,279 | 15,647 | 9.6 | 15,122 | 16,429 | 8.6 |
| - Passenger Vehicles | 48,137 | 54,659 | 13.5 | 5,648 | 6,447 | 14.1 | 5,943 | 6,755 | 13.7 |
| - Commercial Vehicles | 75,406 | 82,230 | 9.0 | 8,631 | 9,200 | 6.6 | 9,179 | 9,674 | 5.4 |

NOTE: Commercial vehicles include minivans, sport-utility vehicles, light and heavy trucks, vans, coaches and buses. Passenger vehicles also include taxis and rental cars

**RETAIL TRADE**

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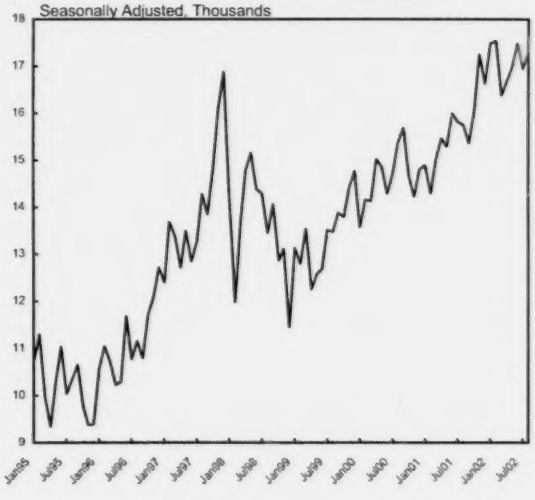


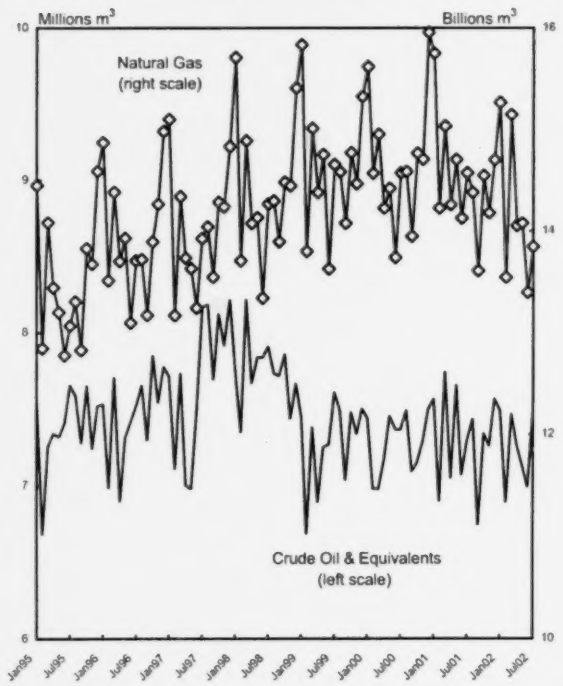
| ENERGY PRODUCTION AND DELIVERIES | JANUARY - JULY | | | JUNE | | | JULY | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
| **Alberta** | | | | | | | | | |
| a) Natural Gas | | | | | | | | | |
| - Production (million $m^3$) | 102,674 | 99,327 | -3.3 | 14,127 | 13,397 | -5.2 | 14,571 | 13,844 | -5.0 |
| - Deliveries (million $m^3$) | 75,728 | 65,608 | -13.4 | 9,780 | 9,105 | -6.9 | 10,752 | 8,310 | -22.7 |
| b) Crude Oil and Equivalents | | | | | | | | | |
| - Production ('000 $m^3$) | 51,286 | 50,737 | -1.1 | 7,072 | 6,991 | -1.1 | 7,299 | 7,498 | 2.7 |
| - Deliveries ('000 $m^3$) | 54,293 | 56,237 | 3.6 | 7,868 | 8,299 | 5.5 | 8,248 | 8,254 | 0.1 |

| RIG ACTIVITY | JANUARY - OCTOBER AVERAGE | | | SEPTEMBER | | | OCTOBER | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
| **Alberta** | | | | | | | | | |
| a) Drilling | 307 | 222 | -27.5 | 270 | 189 | -30.0 | 256 | 182 | -28.9 |
| b) Available | 488 | 514 | 5.3 | 497 | 509 | 2.4 | 511 | 514 | 0.4 |

| ENERGY PRICES | ANNUAL AVERAGES | | 2001 | | | 2002 | | | Annual % Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2000 | 2001 | AUG | SEP | OCT | AUG | SEP | OCT | |
| West Texas Intermediate Crude Oil Price (US$/Barrel) | 30.20 | 25.90 | 27.31 | 26.04 | 22.25 | 28.20 | 29.67 | 28.86 | 29.7 |
| Natural Gas Reference Price (C$/GJ) | 4.27 | 5.12 | 3.53 | 2.76 | 2.40 | 2.93 | N/A | N/A | -17.0 |

Note: **Annual % Change** is a comparison of the latest month for which data are available with the same month of the previous year.

## ENERGY PRODUCTION

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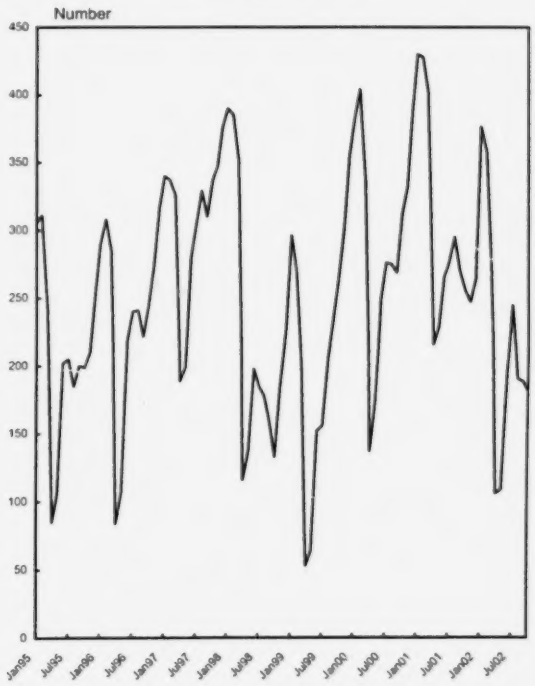


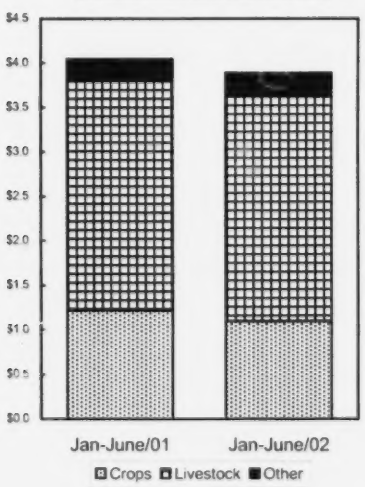
| MANUFACTURING (Value of shipments of goods of own manufacture $000,000) | JANUARY - AUGUST | | | JULY | | | AUGUST | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
| **Alberta** | | | | | | | | | |
| a) Total | 28,918.4 | 26,467.4 | -8.5 | 3,600.2 | 3,434.6 | -4.6 | 3,768.9 | 3,631.8 | -3.6 |
| b) Food | 6,068.7 | 6,014.3 | -0.9 | 810.5 | 781.1 | -3.6 | 807.0 | 805.1 | -0.2 |
| c) Beverage | 485.7 | 483.3 | -0.5 | 72.9 | 75.3 | 3.2 | 72.0 | 65.7 | -8.8 |
| d) Plastics & Rubber Products | 722.8 | 679.1 | -6.0 | 89.5 | 93.0 | 3.9 | 101.4 | 99.5 | -1.8 |
| e) Primary Metal | 692.4 | 583.7 | -15.7 | 72.7 | 75.9 | 4.4 | 93.3 | 82.8 | -11.3 |
| f) Metal Fabricating | 1,814.6 | 1,653.2 | -8.9 | 240.0 | 208.1 | -13.3 | 235.3 | 216.3 | -8.1 |
| g) Printing & Publishing | 408.9 | 376.1 | -8.0 | 47.5 | 44.6 | -6.1 | 52.4 | 48.5 | -7.5 |
| h) Non-Metallic Mineral Products | 773.1 | 954.0 | 23.4 | 120.1 | 163.7 | 36.3 | 140.4 | 153.5 | 9.3 |
| i) Petroleum/Coal Products | 5,072.3 | 4,630.7 | -8.7 | 664.9 | 658.6 | -1.0 | 715.2 | 767.4 | 7.3 |
| j) Chemicals & Chemical Products | 4,883.2 | 4,121.7 | -15.6 | 520.4 | 462.3 | -11.2 | 543.4 | 557.9 | 2.7 |
| k) Wood | 1,496.7 | 1,534.5 | 2.5 | 201.9 | 196.0 | -2.9 | 217.8 | 182.8 | -16.1 |
| l) Furniture and Fixtures | 595.4 | 547.8 | -8.0 | 66.3 | 68.3 | 3.1 | 80.6 | 70.3 | -12.7 |
| m) Paper & Allied | 998.0 | 1,004.0 | 0.6 | 114.2 | 130.6 | 14.3 | 119.5 | 140.1 | 17.2 |
| n) Computers & Electronics | 1,550.9 | 879.4 | -43.3 | 178.1 | 119.0 | -33.1 | 156.2 | 98.9 | -36.6 |
| o) Transportation Equipment | 530.0 | 518.3 | -2.2 | 66.9 | 56.4 | -15.7 | 66.7 | 50.8 | -23.9 |
| p) Machinery | 2,225.1 | 1,922.7 | -13.6 | 261.1 | 228.8 | -12.4 | 292.6 | 219.8 | -24.9 |
| q) Other Manufacturing | 600.6 | 564.7 | -6.0 | 73.1 | 72.8 | -0.4 | 75.1 | 72.4 | -3.5 |

NOTE: **Other Manufacturing** is derived residually, by deducting the sum of the above industries from the total for all manufacturing

| AGRICULTURE Farm Cash Receipts ($000,000) | JANUARY - JUNE | | | JANUARY - MARCH | | | APRIL - JUNE | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
| **Alberta** | | | | | | | | | |
| a) Total From Operations | 4,045.2 | 3,890.3 | -3.8 | 2,076.0 | 2,056.5 | -0.9 | 1,969.2 | 1,833.8 | -6.9 |
| b) Crops | 1,217.8 | 1,096.1 | -10.0 | 725.4 | 616.9 | -15.0 | 492.4 | 479.2 | -2.7 |
| - Wheat, other than Durum | 369.2 | 286.9 | -22.3 | 196.2 | 142.9 | -27.2 | 173.0 | 144.0 | -16.8 |
| - Durum Wheat | 74.6 | 43.1 | -42.3 | 44.2 | 17.7 | -60.0 | 30.5 | 25.4 | -16.6 |
| - Barley | 118.7 | 76.0 | -36.0 | 65.9 | 33.5 | -49.2 | 52.8 | 42.6 | -19.4 |
| - Canola | 292.1 | 225.8 | -22.7 | 183.1 | 105.0 | -42.6 | 108.9 | 120.8 | 10.9 |
| c) Livestock | 2,588.1 | 2,534.0 | -2.1 | 1,225.3 | 1,231.3 | 0.5 | 1,362.8 | 1,302.7 | -4.4 |
| - Cattle and Calves | 1,980.9 | 1,925.6 | -2.8 | 932.5 | 917.4 | -1.6 | 1,048.3 | 1,008.2 | -3.8 |
| - Hogs | 285.9 | 278.4 | -2.6 | 131.6 | 147.0 | 11.7 | 154.3 | 131.4 | -14.8 |
| - Dairy Products | 174.9 | 183.9 | 5.2 | 85.9 | 91.0 | 6.0 | 89.0 | 92.9 | 4.4 |
| - Poultry | 92.5 | 91.5 | -1.1 | 43.5 | 43.2 | -0.6 | 49.0 | 48.2 | -1.6 |

NOTE: **Wheat, Durum Wheat** and **Barley** receipts include Canadian Wheat Board payments

**FARM CASH RECEIPTS**




**MANUFACTURING**

| EXPORTS By Commodity Groups ($000,000) | JANUARY - AUGUST 2001 | JANUARY - AUGUST 2002 | JANUARY - AUGUST Per cent Change | JULY 2001 | JULY 2002 | JULY Per cent Change | AUGUST 2001 | AUGUST 2002 | AUGUST Per cent Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Alberta** | | | | | | | | | |
| a) Total | 41,824.0 | 30,471.1 | -27.1 | 4,119.4 | 3,994.6 | -3.0 | 4,237.8 | 3,929.2 | -7.3 |
| b) Agricultural Products | 3,814.1 | 3,387.9 | -11.2 | 478.9 | 390.8 | -18.4 | 459.0 | 428.9 | -6.6 |
| c) Energy Products | 28,059.9 | 18,185.3 | -35.2 | 2,417.1 | 2,452.6 | 1.5 | 2,598.8 | 2,395.0 | -7.8 |
| d) Forestry Products | 1,844.3 | 1,852.2 | 0.4 | 234.3 | 215.8 | -7.9 | 228.2 | 217.4 | -4.7 |
| e) Industrial Goods | 3,666.2 | 3,231.9 | -11.8 | 423.7 | 419.7 | -0.9 | 505.9 | 422.7 | -16.4 |
| f) Machinery and Equipment | 3,526.8 | 2,902.2 | -17.7 | 432.7 | 403.9 | -6.7 | 338.7 | 359.4 | 6.1 |
| g) Automotive Products | 352.8 | 404.3 | 14.6 | 57.3 | 41.0 | -28.4 | 42.0 | 42.8 | 1.9 |
| h) Consumer Goods | 114.5 | 90.1 | -21.3 | 11.4 | 11.0 | -3.5 | 12.0 | 10.6 | -11.7 |
| i) Special Transactions | 445.4 | 417.2 | -6.3 | 64.0 | 59.7 | -6.7 | 53.1 | 52.4 | -1.3 |

NOTE: Estimates in the "Commodities" table come from published sources: previous month estimates are not current and may not match estimates in the "Countries" table.

| EXPORTS Top 10 Countries ($000,000) | JANUARY - AUGUST 2001 | JANUARY - AUGUST 2002 | JANUARY - AUGUST Per cent Change | JULY 2001 | JULY 2002 | JULY Per cent Change | AUGUST 2001 | AUGUST 2002 | AUGUST Per cent Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Alberta** | | | | | | | | | |
| a) Total | 41,824.0 | 30,471.1 | -27.1 | 4,119.4 | 3,890.8 | -5.5 | 4,237.8 | 3,929.2 | -7.3 |
| b) United States | 37,637.4 | 26,662.0 | -29.2 | 3,645.0 | 3,427.8 | -6.0 | 3,780.1 | 3,447.1 | -8.8 |
| c) Japan | 854.1 | 806.3 | -5.6 | 103.3 | 93.5 | -9.5 | 92.8 | 103.6 | 11.6 |
| d) China | 573.2 | 461.1 | -19.6 | 66.3 | 55.7 | -16.1 | 72.0 | 51.1 | -29.0 |
| e) South Korea | 297.6 | 291.4 | -2.1 | 39.1 | 35.9 | -8.2 | 41.9 | 37.1 | -11.5 |
| f) Mexico | 310.4 | 278.3 | -10.3 | 47.0 | 33.5 | -28.8 | 35.7 | 37.1 | 3.9 |
| g)Taiwan | 140.3 | 159.4 | 13.6 | 13.7 | 22.3 | 62.5 | 17.1 | 23.0 | 34.3 |
| h) United Kingdom | 127.8 | 118.1 | -7.6 | 12.1 | 14.9 | 23.6 | 22.2 | 11.3 | -49.1 |
| I) Italy | 118.5 | 87.3 | -26.4 | 4.6 | 16.2 | 255.0 | 8.8 | 11.4 | 28.9 |
| j) Belgium | 87.5 | 80.4 | -8.1 | 8.1 | 8.8 | 9.4 | 4.3 | 10.8 | 153.6 |
| k) Hong Kong | 56.6 | 72.2 | 27.5 | 6.1 | 10.8 | 78.6 | 10.9 | 12.0 | 10.4 |
| l) Other Countries | 1,620.7 | 1,454.7 | -10.2 | 174.2 | 171.5 | -1.6 | 152.1 | 184.8 | 21.5 |

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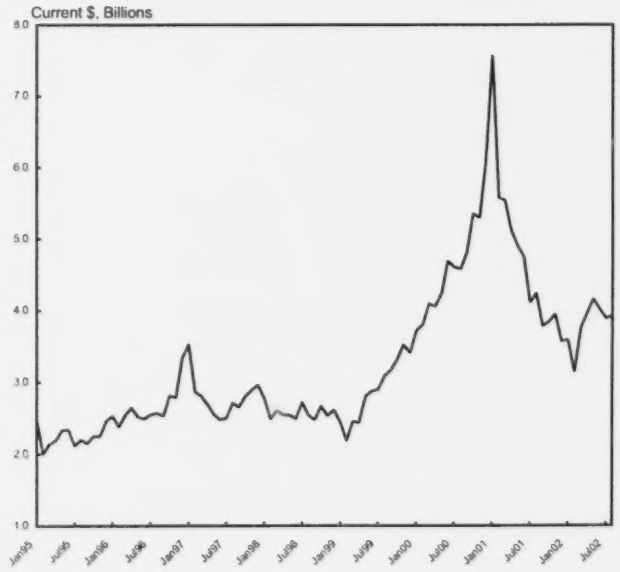
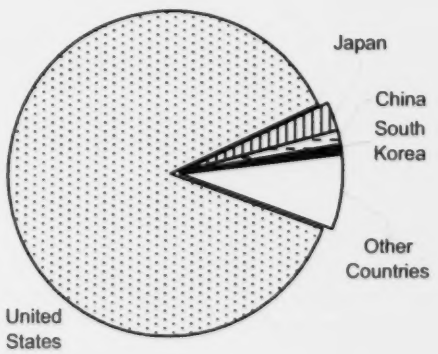



**Alberta Exports by Country**
**(January - August 2002)**

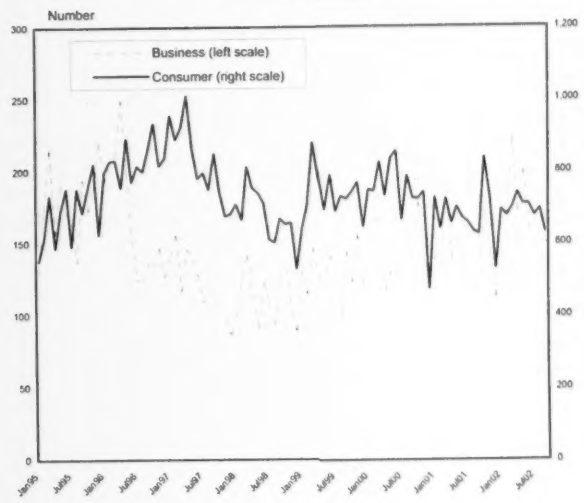


| International & Interprovincial MIGRATION | JANUARY - JUNE | | | JANUARY - MARCH | | | APRIL - JUNE | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
| **Alberta** | | | | | | | | | |
| a) International | | | | | | | | | |
| - Immigration | 8,274 | 8,448 | 2.1 | 3,835 | 3,910 | 2.0 | 4,439 | 4,538 | 2.2 |
| - Emigration | 2,404 | 2,423 | 0.8 | 1,116 | 1,123 | 0.6 | 1,288 | 1,300 | 0.9 |
| - Net non-permanent residents | 1,763 | 748 | -57.6 | 975 | 365 | -62.6 | 788 | 383 | -51.4 |
| - Temporarily abroad | 1,485 | 1,665 | 12.1 | 722 | 809 | 12.0 | 763 | 856 | 12.2 |
| - Returning Canadians | 1,457 | 1,441 | -1.1 | 521 | 516 | -1.0 | 936 | 925 | -1.2 |
| - Net international migration | 7,605 | 6,549 | -13.9 | 3,493 | 2,859 | -18.2 | 4,112 | 3,690 | -10.3 |
| b) Interprovincial | | | | | | | | | |
| - In-migration | 19,574 | 27,108 | 38.5 | 8,471 | 11,956 | 41.1 | 11,103 | 15,152 | 36.5 |
| - Out-migration | 29,497 | 38,715 | 31.3 | 12,964 | 17,916 | 38.2 | 16,533 | 20,799 | 25.8 |
| - Net interprovincial migration | 9,923 | 11,607 | 17.0 | 4,493 | 5,960 | 32.7 | 5,430 | 5,647 | 4.0 |

| BANKRUPTCIES | JANUARY - SEPTEMBER | | | AUGUST | | | SEPTEMBER | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
| **Alberta** | | | | | | | | | |
| a) Business | | | | | | | | | |
| - Number | 1,261 | 1,561 | 23.8 | 127 | 152 | 19.7 | 111 | 153 | 37.8 |
| - Value ($'000) | 254,654 | 367,370 | 44.3 | 18,165 | 20,428 | 12.5 | 19,011 | 99,651 | 424.2 |
| b) Consumer (number) | 6,021 | 6,224 | 3.4 | 632 | 695 | 10.0 | 625 | 629 | 0.6 |

| NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS | JANUARY - OCTOBER | | | SEPTEMBER | | | OCTOBER | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
| **Alberta** | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Business Incorporations | 24,920 | 24,960 | 0.2 | 2,470 | 2,363 | -4.3 | 2,552 | 2,663 | 4.3 |
| - Alberta Corporations | 23,276 | 23,272 | 0.0 | 2,294 | 2,204 | -3.9 | 2,397 | 2,463 | 2.8 |
| - Non-Alberta Corporations | 1,644 | 1,688 | 2.7 | 176 | 159 | -9.7 | 155 | 200 | 29.0 |

**BANKRUPTCIES**

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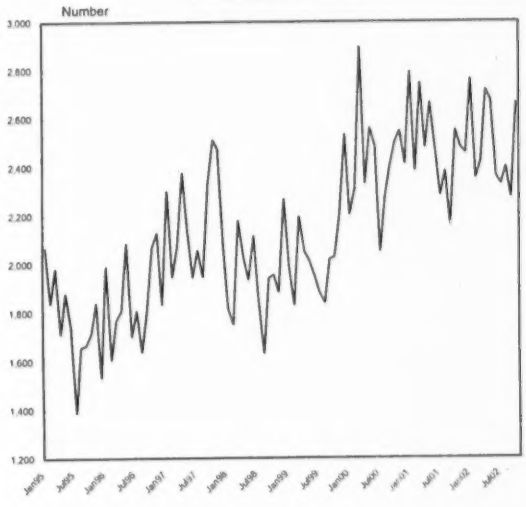


| CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100) | ANNUAL RATES | | | 2001 | 2002 | | | | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | SEP | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | Sep'01 - Sep'02 |
| a) Alberta | | | | | | | | | |
| - All Items | 113.4 | 117.4 | 120.1 | 122.4 | 124.1 | 124.1 | 124.3 | 125.9 | 2.9 |
| - Food | 109.3 | 111.7 | 116.9 | 116.7 | 120.6 | 120.3 | 120.3 | 119.5 | 2.4 |
| - Shelter | 111.7 | 118.6 | 121.5 | 124.7 | 119.4 | 118.6 | 117.0 | 123.4 | -1.0 |
| - Energy | 122.2 | 147.4 | 147.8 | 167.6 | 136.5 | 135.0 | 131.4 | 151.0 | -9.9 |
| - All Items, excl. Food and Energy | 113.5 | 115.6 | 118.0 | 119.1 | 123.6 | 123.8 | 124.5 | 124.8 | 4.8 |
| b) Edmonton | 112.2 | 115.9 | 118.4 | 120.9 | 121.2 | 121.5 | 122.1 | 123.3 | 2.0 |
| c) Calgary | 114.2 | 118.4 | 121.3 | 123.4 | 126.3 | 126.0 | 125.6 | 127.8 | 3.6 |

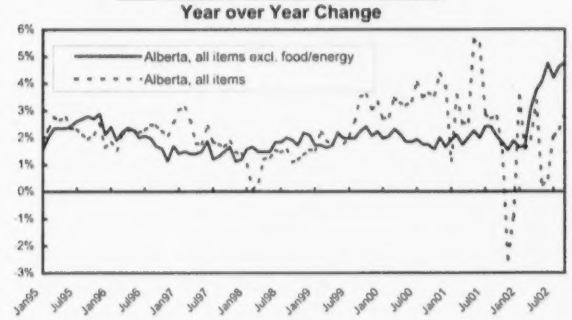
| CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1995=100) | ANNUAL RATES | | | 2001 | | 2002 | | | Annual |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Selected Countries | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | JUL | AUG | JUN | JUL | AUG | % Change |
| a) Canada | 106.0 | 109.0 | 111.7 | 112.4 | 112.4 | 114.2 | 114.8 | N/A | 2.1 |
| b) United States | 109.3 | 113.0 | 116.2 | 116.5 | 116.5 | 118.1 | 118.2 | N/A | 1.5 |
| c) Germany | 105.0 | 106.9 | 109.6 | 110.2 | 110.0 | 111.1 | 111.3 | 111.2 | 1.1 |
| d) United Kingdom | 111.0 | 114.2 | 116.3 | 116.3 | 116.7 | 118.2 | 118.0 | N/A | 1.5 |
| e) France | 104.5 | 106.2 | 108.0 | 108.3 | 108.3 | 110.1 | 110.1 | N/A | 1.7 |
| f) Japan | 102.2 | 101.5 | 100.8 | 100.5 | 100.9 | 100.1 | 99.7 | N/A | -0.8 |

| EXCHANGE RATES (in $Cdn) | ANNUAL RATES | | | 2001 | 2002 | | | | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | OCT | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | Oct'01 - Oct'02 |
| a) United States | 1.4858 | 1.4854 | 1.5489 | 1.5677 | 1.5459 | 1.5679 | 1.5758 | 1.5778 | -0.6 |
| b) Japan | 0.0131 | 0.0138 | 0.0128 | 0.0132 | 0.0131 | 0.0132 | 0.0130 | 0.0127 | 3.8 |
| c) European Monetary Union (EURO) | 1.5847 | 1.3704 | 1.3868 | 1.4295 | 1.5352 | 1.5331 | 1.5456 | 1.5484 | -7.7 |
| d) United Kingdom | 2.4038 | 2.2499 | 2.2298 | 2.2957 | 2.4063 | 2.4078 | 2.4528 | 2.4576 | -6.6 |

| INTEREST RATES (Prime Rates) | ANNUAL RATES | | | 2001 | 2002 | | | | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | OCT | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | Oct'01 - Oct'02 |
| a) Canada | 6.40 | 7.30 | 5.80 | 4.50 | 4.50 | 4.50 | 4.50 | 4.50 | 0.00 |
| b) United States | 8.00 | 9.30 | 6.80 | 5.50 | 4.75 | 4.75 | 4.75 | 4.75 | -0.75 |

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, ALBERTA

Year over Year Change

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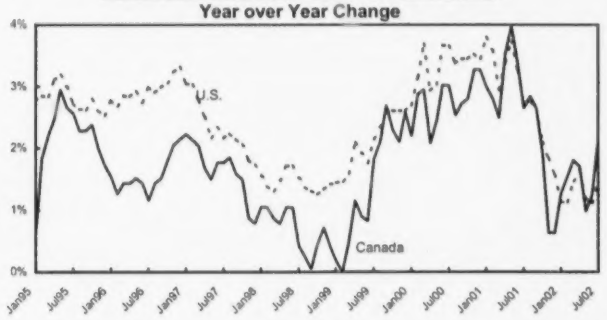


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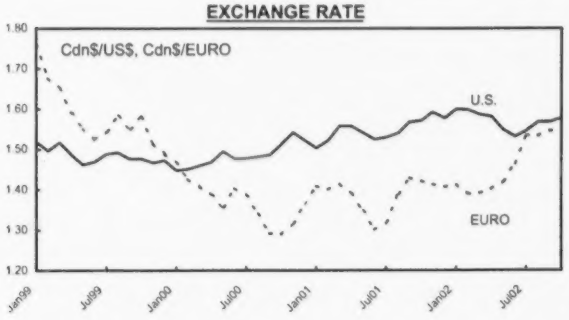


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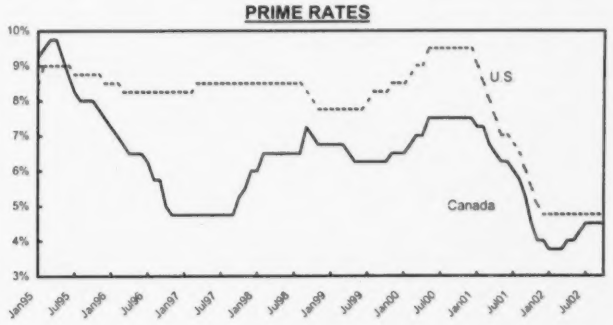

# INTERPROVINCIAL COMPARISONS OF ECONOMIC INDICATORS

| | NEWF. | P.E.I. | N.S. | N.B. | QUE. | ONT. | MAN. | SASK. | ALTA. | B.C. | CAN. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **POPULATION ('000s)** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| a) JULY 1, 2001 | 534 | 139 | 943 | 756 | 7,418 | 11,895 | 1,149 | 1,017 | 3,059 | 4,102 | 31,111 |
| b) JULY 1, 2002 | 532 | 140 | 945 | 757 | 7,455 | 12,068 | 1,151 | 1,012 | 3,114 | 4,141 | 31,414 |
| c) Percent Change | -0.4 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 1.5 | 0.2 | -0.5 | 1.8 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| **UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (seasonally adjusted)** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| a) OCTOBER 2001 | 16.0 | 12.6 | 9.7 | 10.6 | 8.6 | 6.6 | 4.8 | 6.0 | 4.5 | 8.4 | 7.4 |
| b) OCTOBER 2002 | 18.3 | 11.9 | 9.5 | 10.8 | 8.1 | 7.2 | 5.3 | 5.8 | 5.7 | 8.3 | 7.6 |
| **EMPLOYED (seasonally adjusted '000s)** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| a) OCTOBER 2001 | 213 | 66 | 429 | 337 | 3,498 | 5,956 | 564 | 468 | 1,641 | 1,918 | 15,088 |
| b) OCTOBER 2002 | 211 | 68 | 429 | 347 | 3,614 | 6,140 | 569 | 490 | 1,683 | 2,000 | 15,550 |
| c) Percent Change | -0.7 | 2.4 | -0.1 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 1.0 | 4.7 | 2.6 | 4.2 | 3.1 |
| **BUILDING PERMITS ($000,000)** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| b) JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2001 | 238 | 178 | 554 | 417 | 5,500 | 13,430 | 571 | 534 | 4,499 | 3,963 | 30,013 |
| a) JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2002 | 303 | 115 | 656 | 510 | 6,375 | 15,880 | 698 | 527 | 5,285 | 4,216 | 34,693 |
| c) Percent Change | 27.4 | -35.3 | 18.5 | 22.5 | 15.9 | 18.2 | 22.2 | -1.2 | 17.5 | 6.4 | 15.6 |
| **URBAN HOUSING STARTS (Number)** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| b) JANUARY - OCTOBER 2001 | 932 | 313 | 2,271 | 1,833 | 17,639 | 58,068 | 1,422 | 1,520 | 19,939 | 13,270 | 117,207 |
| a) JANUARY - OCTOBER 2002 | 1,374 | 475 | 2,932 | 2,018 | 27,788 | 67,104 | 1,906 | 1,961 | 27,236 | 16,769 | 149,563 |
| c) Percent Change | 47.4 | 51.8 | 29.1 | 10.1 | 57.5 | 15.6 | 34.0 | 29.0 | 36.6 | 26.4 | 27.6 |
| **TOTAL WAGES AND SALARIES (seasonally adjusted $000,000)** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| a) JANUARY - JUNE 2001 | 2,795 | 788 | 5,920 | 4,885 | 53,692 | 108,326 | 7,752 | 6,068 | 29,197 | 30,920 | 251,542 |
| b) JANUARY - JUNE 2002 | 2,964 | 840 | 6,202 | 5,006 | 55,903 | 112,102 | 8,058 | 6,193 | 31,056 | 31,060 | 260,671 |
| c) Percent Change | 6.1 | 6.7 | 4.8 | 2.5 | 4.1 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 2.0 | 6.4 | 0.5 | 3.6 |

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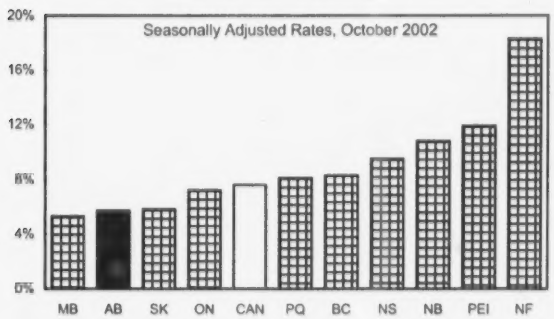


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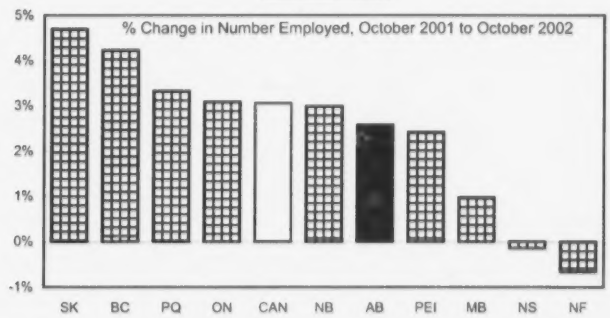


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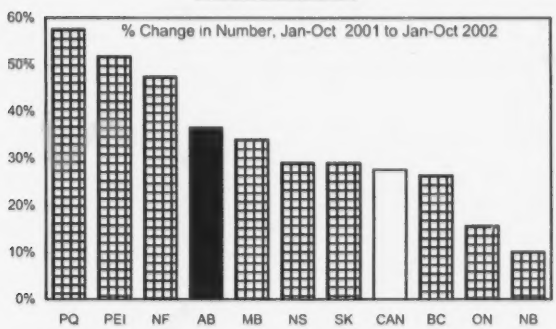


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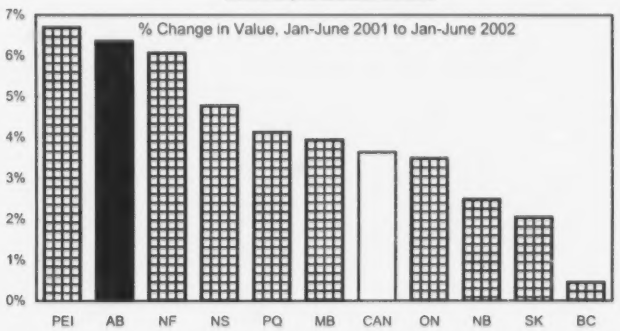

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **RETAIL TRADE (seasonally adjusted $000,000)** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| b) JANUARY - AUGUST 2001 | 3,267 | 852 | 5,751 | 4,695 | 43,882 | 72,465 | 6,553 | 5,546 | 22,816 | 25,135 | 191,607 |
| a) JANUARY - AUGUST 2002 | 3,381 | 883 | 6,103 | 4,875 | 46,507 | 76,362 | 7,094 | 5,963 | 24,780 | 26,639 | 203,319 |
| c) Percent Change | 3.5 | 3.6 | 6.1 | 3.8 | 6.0 | 5.4 | 8.3 | 7.5 | 8.6 | 6.0 | 6.1 |
| **MANUFACTURING (value of shipments of goods of own manufacture, $000,000)** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| b) JANUARY - AUGUST 2001 | 1,485 | 800 | 5,693 | 8,401 | 80,750 | 181,298 | 7,683 | 4,922 | 28,918 | 23,517 | 343,505 |
| a) JANUARY - AUGUST 2002 | 1,510 | 861 | 5,554 | 8,329 | 80,066 | 183,937 | 7,631 | 4,866 | 26,467 | 22,970 | 342,231 |
| c) Percent Change | 1.6 | 7.7 | -2.4 | -0.9 | -0.8 | 1.5 | -0.7 | -1.1 | -8.5 | -2.3 | -0.4 |
| **AGRICULTURE (Farm Cash Receipts from farming operations $000,000)** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| a) JANUARY - JUNE 2001 | 39 | 184 | 193 | 195 | 2,821 | 4,151 | 1,891 | 3,297 | 4,045 | 1,117 | 17,934 |
| b) JANUARY - JUNE 2002 | 39 | 191 | 186 | 216 | 2,738 | 3,897 | 1,699 | 2,893 | 3,890 | 1,130 | 16,880 |
| c) Percent Change | -0.1 | 4.2 | -3.9 | 10.8 | -2.9 | -6.1 | -10.2 | -12.3 | -3.8 | 1.2 | -5.9 |
| **EXPORTS ($000,000)** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| b) JANUARY - AUGUST 2001 | 2,532 | 425 | 3,965 | 5,710 | 45,404 | 119,995 | 6,131 | 7,819 | 41,824 | 22,058 | 256,504 |
| a) JANUARY - AUGUST 2002 | 3,516 | 439 | 3,533 | 5,277 | 43,672 | 120,508 | 5,984 | 7,422 | 30,471 | 19,110 | 240,427 |
| c) Percent Change | 38.8 | 3.2 | -10.9 | -7.6 | -3.8 | 0.4 | -2.4 | -5.1 | -27.1 | -13.4 | -6.3 |
| **CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| a) SEPTEMBER 2001 | 115.0 | 114.7 | 117.2 | 115.4 | 113.7 | 118.5 | 122.4 | 122.1 | 122.4 | 116.7 | 117.4 |
| b) SEPTEMBER 2002 | 118.1 | 119.2 | 121.2 | 120.1 | 116.3 | 121.2 | 123.9 | 125.0 | 125.9 | 118.8 | 120.1 |
| c) Percent Change | 2.7 | 3.9 | 3.4 | 4.1 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 1.2 | 2.4 | 2.9 | 1.8 | 2.3 |

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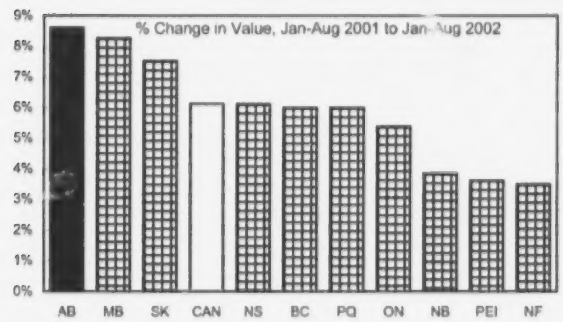


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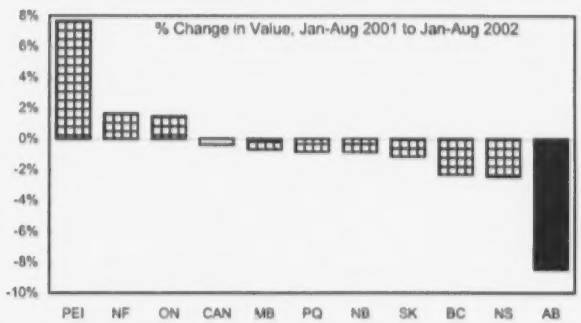


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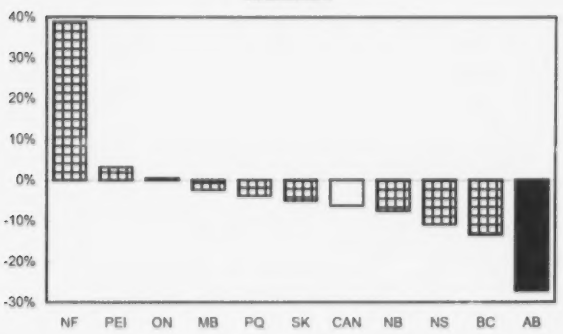


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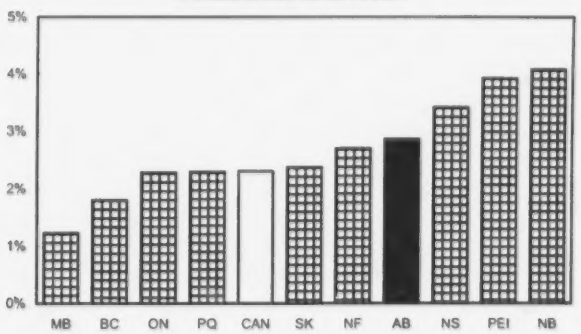

# Historic and Current Economic Indicators

Selected Series - Alberta

| | Unemployment Rate (%, SA) | Employed (000's) (SA) | Building Permits ($000,000) | | | Dwelling Starts (#, urban) | MLS Housing Resales (#) | Help Wanted Index (1996=100) | Wages and Salaries ($000,000) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Alberta | Calgary | Edmonton | | | | |
| 1993 | 9.6 | 1,295 | 2,713.4 | 866.9 | 857.1 | 15,163 | 37,024 | 90 | 34,871 |
| 1994 | 8.7 | 1,332 | 2,740.6 | 969.0 | 673.0 | 13,905 | 32,512 | 100 | 36,079 |
| 1995 | 7.8 | 1,369 | 2,506.6 | 973.4 | 550.5 | 10,531 | 29,098 | 90 | 36,834 |
| 1996 | 6.9 | 1,408 | 2,883.1 | 1,139.5 | 655.7 | 12,475 | 37,485 | 102 | 38,662 |
| 1997 | 5.8 | 1,458 | 4,446.3 | 1,828.1 | 878.7 | 18,938 | 43,693 | 146 | 43,822 |
| 1998 | 5.6 | 1,515 | 5,552.2 | 2,486.0 | 1,167.2 | 21,721 | 43,383 | 147 | 47,649 |
| Jan99 | 5.8 | 1,537 | 255.8 | 118.1 | 58.8 | 1,281 | 2,010 | 129.7 | 3,982 |
| Feb99 | 6.0 | 1,540 | 255.2 | 117.5 | 74.4 | 1,524 | 3,004 | 128.5 | 4,009 |
| Mar99 | 5.9 | 1,540 | 391.9 | 171.4 | 75.8 | 1,117 | 4,019 | 128.1 | 4,012 |
| Apr99 | 5.8 | 1,542 | 384.0 | 131.4 | 92.7 | 1,518 | 4,297 | 128.3 | 4,040 |
| May99 | 6.4 | 1,545 | 484.2 | 198.6 | 105.5 | 1,428 | 4,422 | 129.0 | 4,055 |
| Jun99 | 5.5 | 1,560 | 507.5 | 243.6 | 112.2 | 2,210 | 4,590 | 130.6 | 4,076 |
| Jul99 | 5.5 | 1,564 | 543.0 | 165.9 | 189.9 | 1,970 | 3,963 | 132.9 | 4,117 |
| Aug99 | 6.0 | 1,560 | 434.2 | 158.2 | 97.3 | 2,438 | 3,954 | 136.0 | 4,127 |
| Sep99 | 5.9 | 1,558 | 463.5 | 207.1 | 104.4 | 1,561 | 3,714 | 139.7 | 4,156 |
| Oct99 | 5.2 | 1,562 | 420.8 | 136.8 | 67.7 | 1,871 | 3,292 | 143.7 | 4,179 |
| Nov99 | 5.4 | 1,564 | 366.9 | 142.5 | 75.8 | 1,732 | 3,210 | 147.8 | 4,211 |
| Dec99 | 5.4 | 1,573 | 295.0 | 125.8 | 69.2 | 1,566 | 2,209 | 151.5 | 4,299 |
| Average/Sum | 5.7 | 1,553 | 4,801.9 | 1,916.8 | 1,123.7 | 20,216 | 42,684 | 135.5 | 49,263 |
| Jan00 | 5.0 | 1,575 | 336.0 | 183.3 | 82.3 | 1,252 | 2,482 | 154.7 | 4,349 |
| Feb00 | 4.9 | 1,582 | 338.1 | 162.2 | 63.1 | 1,220 | 3,371 | 157.2 | 4,391 |
| Mar00 | 5.0 | 1,587 | 478.9 | 206.5 | 124.7 | 1,323 | 4,186 | 159.2 | 4,412 |
| Apr00 | 5.0 | 1,583 | 466.7 | 210.4 | 101.1 | 1,846 | 3,802 | 160.8 | 4,515 |
| May00 | 4.8 | 1,585 | 552.2 | 238.3 | 139.0 | 2,438 | 4,691 | 162.4 | 4,478 |
| Jun00 | 5.0 | 1,581 | 587.7 | 271.4 | 130.0 | 2,031 | 4,396 | 164.5 | 4,525 |
| Jul00 | 5.2 | 1,573 | 337.2 | 85.6 | 100.4 | 1,932 | 3,755 | 167.0 | 4,550 |
| Aug00 | 5.3 | 1,580 | 562.7 | 213.2 | 124.6 | 1,914 | 3,994 | 170.1 | 4,603 |
| Sep00 | 4.9 | 1,592 | 439.8 | 189.3 | 102.9 | 2,027 | 3,698 | 173.1 | 4,641 |
| Oct00 | 4.6 | 1,600 | 548.7 | 275.5 | 113.1 | 1,784 | 3,544 | 175.9 | 4,684 |
| Nov00 | 5.0 | 1,607 | 367.3 | 137.9 | 93.5 | 2,004 | 3,120 | 177.9 | 4,719 |
| Dec00 | 4.8 | 1,616 | 281.2 | 113.1 | 74.3 | 1,735 | 2,272 | 179.3 | 4,756 |
| Average/Sum | 5.0 | 1,588 | 5,296.4 | 2,286.7 | 1,249.1 | 21,506 | 43,311 | 166.8 | 54,624 |
| Jan01 | 4.9 | 1,621 | 290.3 | 123.4 | 78.1 | 1,580 | 2,670 | 180.4 | 4,793 |
| Feb01 | 4.6 | 1,623 | 301.4 | 143.8 | 78.4 | 1,193 | 3,421 | 181.2 | 4,822 |
| Mar01 | 4.8 | 1,616 | 517.1 | 194.7 | 119.0 | 1,318 | 4,297 | 181.7 | 4,858 |
| Apr01 | 4.8 | 1,625 | 510.8 | 201.5 | 133.9 | 2,104 | 4,390 | 181.4 | 4,892 |
| May01 | 4.5 | 1,631 | 661.0 | 268.5 | 144.3 | 2,257 | 5,383 | 180.1 | 4,920 |
| Jun01 | 4.6 | 1,639 | 526.9 | 211.1 | 109.4 | 2,405 | 4,804 | 177.0 | 4,912 |
| Jul01 | 4.4 | 1,634 | 537.6 | 223.7 | 99.6 | 2,176 | 4,662 | 172.3 | 4,903 |
| Aug01 | 4.3 | 1,632 | 632.2 | 219.9 | 144.7 | 2,205 | 4,569 | 166.3 | 4,910 |
| Sep01 | 4.0 | 1,637 | 521.4 | 136.2 | 175.6 | 2,235 | 3,976 | 159.5 | 4,924 |
| Oct01 | 4.5 | 1,641 | 484.2 | 186.7 | 128.5 | 2,469 | 4,106 | 152.9 | 4,956 |
| Nov01 | 4.7 | 1,642 | 540.7 | 238.9 | 125.4 | 2,345 | 3,852 | 147.0 | 4,996 |
| Dec01 | 5.1 | 1,644 | 388.0 | 160.7 | 124.8 | 2,173 | 2,859 | 142.6 | 5,052 |
| Average/Sum | 4.6 | 1,632 | 5,911.7 | 2,309.1 | 1,461.8 | 24,457 | 48,989 | 168.5 | 58,938 |
| Jan02 | 4.7 | 1,655 | 406.1 | 148.5 | 152.6 | 1,974 | 3,524 | 139.6 | 5,146 |
| Feb02 | 5.1 | 1,645 | 391.7 | 160.1 | 94.9 | 1,911 | 4,367 | 137.9 | 5,106 |
| Mar02 | 5.0 | 1,656 | 551.7 | 224.0 | 133.3 | 2,585 | 4,487 | 137.1 | 5,143 |
| Apr02 | 5.3 | 1,651 | 631.9 | 300.7 | 134.3 | 2,669 | 5,314 | 136.9 | 5,189 |
| May02 | 5.9 | 1,654 | 657.6 | 275.3 | 129.5 | 3,149 | 5,178 | 134.9 | 5,222 |
| Jun02 | 5.6 | 1,665 | 668.5 | 277.1 | 150.6 | 3,373 | 4,745 | 137.7 | 5,251 |
| Jul02 | 5.0 | 1,691 | 761.7 | 275.4 | 181.8 | **2,307** | 4,711 | 140.2 | |
| Aug02 | 5.1 | 1,689 | **617.2** | **217.7** | **196.4** | **3,211** | 4,508 | 140.4 | |
| Sep02 | 5.8 | 1,677 | **598.9** | **217.4** | **171.6** | **2,770** | **4,108** | 136.7 | |
| Oct02 | **5.7** | **1,683** | | | | **3,286** | | **130.0** | |
| Nov02 | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec02 | | | | | | | | | |
| Average/Sum | | | | | | | | | |

# Historic and Current Economic Indicators

Selected Series - Alberta

| | Average Weekly Earnings ($) | International Travellers (#, direct entries) | Retail Trade ($000,000) | Rest., Caterer & Tavern Rec. ($000,000) | Wholesale Trade ($000,000) | New Motor Vehicle Sales (#) | Energy Production | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | Oil/Equiv. (Tsds $m^3$) | Gas (Mlns $m^3$) |
| 1993 | 573.88 | 593,928 | 20,545 | 2,156 | 19,547 | 122,852 | 84,084 | 145,788 |
| 1994 | 576.53 | 613,142 | 22,225 | 2,315 | 23,108 | 130,217 | 86,053 | 155,798 |
| 1995 | 575.34 | 706,941 | 22,733 | 2,432 | 24,317 | 122,244 | 88,486 | 162,097 |
| 1996 | 599.23 | 777,708 | 23,806 | 2,636 | 27,310 | 133,762 | 89,490 | 167,236 |
| 1997 | 620.38 | 787,755 | 26,939 | 3,008 | 34,198 | 167,671 | 92,333 | 168,095 |
| 1998 | 637.17 | 848,465 | 28,069 | 3,244 | 33,400 | 163,395 | 92,991 | 172,644 |
| Jan99 | 636.17 | 37,813 | 2,361 | 280 | 2,296 | 10,468 | 7,451 | 15,835 |
| Feb99 | 642.50 | 42,735 | 2,383 | 270 | 2,329 | 9,689 | 6,687 | 13,799 |
| Mar99 | 643.00 | 55,763 | 2,398 | 313 | 2,775 | 15,179 | 7,380 | 15,011 |
| Apr99 | 643.62 | 39,463 | 2,362 | 300 | 2,711 | 13,519 | 6,894 | 14,379 |
| May99 | 641.39 | 67,594 | 2,347 | 303 | 2,907 | 15,397 | 7,249 | 14,752 |
| Jun99 | 644.42 | 113,881 | 2,409 | 305 | 3,089 | 14,992 | 7,270 | 13,628 |
| Jul99 | 648.96 | 164,445 | 2,448 | 320 | 2,731 | 12,224 | 7,609 | 14,654 |
| Aug99 | 648.45 | 130,841 | 2,479 | 315 | 2,761 | 12,033 | 7,490 | 14,583 |
| Sep99 | 647.64 | 95,825 | 2,534 | 293 | 2,907 | 14,383 | 7,039 | 14,077 |
| Oct99 | 647.29 | 48,321 | 2,524 | 312 | 2,960 | 13,189 | 7,480 | 14,772 |
| Nov99 | 647.92 | 33,229 | 2,511 | 303 | 3,002 | 13,753 | 7,339 | 14,466 |
| Dec99 | 654.59 | 44,710 | 2,579 | 324 | 3,060 | 16,004 | 7,503 | 15,326 |
| Average/Sum | 645.50 | 874,620 | 29,335 | 3,638 | 33,528 | 160,830 | 87,391 | 175,279 |
| Jan00 | 654.46 | 38,270 | 2,536 | 291 | 2,610 | 10,840 | 7,442 | 15,618 |
| Feb00 | 658.83 | 44,450 | 2,556 | 309 | 2,787 | 10,699 | 6,982 | 14,568 |
| Mar00 | 661.27 | 57,454 | 2,586 | 351 | 3,186 | 15,794 | 6,977 | 14,951 |
| Apr00 | 661.31 | 44,279 | 2,592 | 331 | 2,954 | 16,561 | 7,170 | 14,225 |
| May00 | 664.23 | 65,874 | 2,593 | 333 | 3,578 | 17,933 | 7,455 | 14,419 |
| Jun00 | 665.92 | 116,378 | 2,620 | 339 | 3,457 | 16,350 | 7,369 | 13,735 |
| Jul00 | 668.95 | 159,277 | 2,665 | 344 | 3,191 | 13,185 | 7,367 | 14,580 |
| Aug00 | 670.41 | 129,697 | 2,691 | 351 | 3,212 | 14,316 | 7,491 | 14,585 |
| Sep00 | 667.44 | 89,705 | 2,724 | 343 | 3,204 | 16,202 | 7,093 | 13,949 |
| Oct00 | 666.84 | 47,554 | 2,697 | 343 | 3,337 | 13,526 | 7,154 | 14,774 |
| Nov00 | 668.65 | 34,197 | 2,728 | 346 | 3,221 | 13,775 | 7,295 | 14,785 |
| Dec00 | 671.16 | 53,594 | 2,724 | 354 | 3,089 | 15,544 | 7,500 | 15,957 |
| Average/Sum | 664.96 | 880,729 | 31,712 | 4,035 | 37,825 | 174,725 | 87,295 | 176,146 |
| Jan01 | 675.40 | 38,772 | 2,779 | 339 | 2,983 | 12,365 | 7,565 | 15,752 |
| Feb01 | 677.53 | 42,863 | 2,786 | 338 | 2,865 | 10,232 | 6,900 | 14,226 |
| Mar01 | 679.44 | 55,473 | 2,823 | 393 | 3,421 | 16,581 | 7,741 | 15,033 |
| Apr01 | 678.35 | 44,584 | 2,848 | 369 | 3,197 | 17,137 | 7,051 | 14,260 |
| May01 | 678.51 | 65,461 | 2,881 | 398 | 3,820 | 19,188 | 7,658 | 14,705 |
| Jun01 | 680.40 | 111,907 | 2,891 | 392 | 3,812 | 18,639 | 7,072 | 14,127 |
| Jul01 | 686.65 | 156,416 | 2,895 | 396 | 3,557 | 14,279 | 7,299 | 14,571 |
| Aug01 | 688.55 | 134,793 | 2,913 | 393 | 3,572 | 15,121 | 7,434 | 14,380 |
| Sep01 | 687.50 | 70,746 | 2,850 | 361 | 3,303 | 15,042 | 6,748 | 13,611 |
| Oct01 | 688.38 | 40,506 | 2,944 | 359 | 3,752 | 15,247 | 7,342 | 14,547 |
| Nov01 | 689.29 | 31,248 | 2,984 | 358 | 3,517 | 16,566 | 7,263 | 14,181 |
| Dec01 | 692.28 | 52,556 | 3,008 | 365 | 3,436 | 17,467 | 7,568 | 14,703 |
| Average/Sum | 683.52 | 845,325 | 34,602 | 4,460 | 41,234 | 187,864 | 87,639 | 174,094 |
| Jan02 | 695.13 | 35,849 | 3,080 | 326 | 3,178 | 14,645 | 7,493 | **15,265** |
| Feb02 | 695.50 | 41,273 | 3,080 | 319 | 2,964 | 12,595 | 6,894 | **13,546** |
| Mar02 | 696.08 | 55,342 | 3,033 | 357 | 3,355 | 17,455 | 7,467 | **15,146** |
| Apr02 | 696.87 | 37,483 | 3,083 | 346 | 3,495 | 18,742 | 7,262 | **14,053** |
| May02 | 695.30 | 62,974 | 3,109 | 372 | 3,844 | 21,286 | **7,133** | **14,076** |
| Jun02 | 697.01 | 101,239 | **3,157** | 376 | 3,627 | 20,090 | **6,991** | **13,397** |
| Jul02 | **699.90** | 153,478 | **3,121** | 383 | **3,627** | 15,647 | **7,498** | **13,844** |
| Aug02 | **700.77** | **126,646** | **3,119** | 381 | **3,545** | **16,429** | | |
| Sep02 | | | | | | | | |
| Oct02 | | | | | | | | |
| Nov02 | | | | | | | | |
| Dec02 | | | | | | | | |
| Average/Sum | | | | | | | | |

# Historic and Current Economic Indicators

Selected Series - Alberta

| | Rigs | Energy Prices | | Manufacturing | International | Bankruptcies | | Incorporations | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Drilling | WTI Crude | Gas | Shipments | Exports | Business | Consumer | Alberta | Non-Alberta |
| | (#) | (US$/barrel) | (C$/GJ) | ($000,000) | ($000,000) | (#) | (#) | (#) | (#) |
| 1993 | 173 | 18.48 | 1.58 | 20,595 | 19,639 | 1,445 | 5,337 | 18,534 | 1,452 |
| 1994 | 240 | 17.18 | 1.72 | 24,885 | 22,904 | 1,592 | 5,966 | 20,286 | 1,518 |
| 1995 | 209 | 18.40 | 1.24 | 28,491 | 26,884 | 2,124 | 8,141 | 19,449 | 1,582 |
| 1996 | 236 | 22.01 | 1.54 | 30,677 | 31,698 | 2,008 | 9,936 | 20,489 | 1,768 |
| 1997 | 310 | 20.61 | 1.87 | 34,184 | 33,482 | 1,460 | 9,913 | 24,343 | 1,840 |
| 1998 | 221 | 14.43 | 1.84 | 32,842 | 31,010 | 1,349 | 8,108 | 21,484 | 1,881 |
| Jan99 | 296 | 12.49 | 2.04 | 2,339 | 2,445 | 135 | 641 | 1,854 | 140 |
| Feb99 | 271 | 12.02 | 1.90 | 2,342 | 2,185 | 114 | 705 | 1,692 | 140 |
| Mar99 | 196 | 14.68 | 1.80 | 2,882 | 2,453 | 147 | 879 | 2,023 | 172 |
| Apr99 | 53 | 17.30 | 1.90 | 2,807 | 2,441 | 127 | 780 | 1,888 | 163 |
| May99 | 64 | 17.77 | 2.21 | 3,106 | 2,803 | 120 | 693 | 1,857 | 158 |
| Jun99 | 152 | 17.92 | 2.22 | 3,128 | 2,877 | 141 | 788 | 1,807 | 145 |
| Jul99 | 156 | 20.10 | 2.33 | 3,011 | 2,897 | 131 | 689 | 1,731 | 153 |
| Aug99 | 206 | 21.28 | 2.60 | 3,150 | 3,087 | 95 | 730 | 1,695 | 145 |
| Sep99 | 234 | 23.79 | 2.86 | 3,269 | 3,171 | 144 | 722 | 1,885 | 136 |
| Oct99 | 264 | 22.67 | 2.72 | 3,319 | 3,311 | 123 | 742 | 1,894 | 135 |
| Nov99 | 300 | 24.71 | 3.06 | 3,345 | 3,522 | 156 | 768 | 2,037 | 164 |
| Dec99 | 354 | 26.09 | 2.54 | 3,315 | 3,415 | 120 | 645 | 2,399 | 135 |
| Average/Sum | 212 | 19.24 | 2.35 | 36,014 | 34,605 | 1,553 | 8,782 | 22,762 | 1,786 |
| Jan00 | 381 | 27.01 | 2.50 | 3,004 | 3,709 | 154 | 747 | 2,059 | 144 |
| Feb00 | 404 | 29.30 | 2.62 | 3,088 | 3,807 | 166 | 744 | 2,146 | 160 |
| Mar00 | 337 | 29.89 | 2.72 | 3,575 | 4,094 | 166 | 824 | 2,709 | 185 |
| Apr00 | 137 | 25.54 | 3.10 | 3,206 | 4,060 | 118 | 731 | 2,161 | 170 |
| May00 | 174 | 28.81 | 3.35 | 3,802 | 4,244 | 130 | 834 | 2,380 | 181 |
| Jun00 | 250 | 31.53 | 4.33 | 3,624 | 4,692 | 112 | 855 | 2,321 | 165 |
| Jul00 | 276 | 29.72 | 4.42 | 3,484 | 4,611 | 118 | 664 | 1,923 | 128 |
| Aug00 | 275 | 31.14 | 3.93 | 3,745 | 4,587 | 164 | 786 | 2,118 | 160 |
| Sep00 | 269 | 33.87 | 4.66 | 3,658 | 4,804 | 136 | 725 | 2,233 | 165 |
| Oct00 | 312 | 32.93 | 5.53 | 4,015 | 5,354 | 179 | 722 | 2,321 | 181 |
| Nov00 | 332 | 34.26 | 5.79 | 3,731 | 5,305 | 146 | 742 | 2,365 | 183 |
| Dec00 | 387 | 28.40 | 8.28 | 3,650 | 6,064 | 120 | 473 | 2,265 | 148 |
| Average/Sum | 295 | 30.20 | 4.27 | 42,582 | 55,331 | 1,710 | 8,847 | 27,001 | 1,970 |
| Jan01 | 430 | 29.26 | 11.21 | 3,589 | 7,562 | 140 | 727 | 2,608 | 184 |
| Feb01 | 428 | 29.64 | 8.05 | 3,306 | 5,581 | 132 | 640 | 2,228 | 157 |
| Mar01 | 402 | 27.27 | 6.48 | 3,688 | 5,545 | 189 | 722 | 2,545 | 201 |
| Apr01 | 216 | 27.62 | 6.59 | 3,364 | 5,121 | 139 | 655 | 2,321 | 160 |
| May01 | 229 | 28.33 | 5.74 | 3,885 | 4,905 | 155 | 700 | 2,488 | 177 |
| Jun01 | 266 | 27.58 | 4.44 | 3,717 | 4,752 | 142 | 669 | 2,294 | 176 |
| Jul01 | 277 | 26.48 | 3.75 | 3,600 | 4,119 | 122 | 657 | 2,154 | 129 |
| Aug01 | 295 | 27.31 | 3.53 | 3,769 | 4,238 | 127 | 632 | 2,235 | 149 |
| Sep01 | 270 | 26.04 | 2.76 | 3,514 | 3,787 | 111 | 625 | 2,006 | 156 |
| Oct01 | 256 | 22.25 | 2.40 | 3,512 | 3,849 | 174 | 837 | 2,397 | 155 |
| Nov01 | 247 | 19.67 | 3.33 | 3,373 | 3,949 | 145 | 726 | 2,333 | 151 |
| Dec01 | 264 | 19.40 | 3.20 | 3,077 | 3,573 | 112 | 531 | 2,298 | 160 |
| Average/Sum | 298 | 25.90 | 5.12 | 42,394 | 56,982 | 1,698 | 8,112 | 27,907 | 1,955 |
| Jan02 | 377 | 19.73 | 3.17 | 3,037 | **3,593** | 186 | 693 | 2,590 | 172 |
| Feb02 | 358 | 20.75 | 2.71 | 2,875 | **3,146** | 169 | 676 | 2,188 | 165 |
| Mar02 | 271 | 24.48 | 3.23 | 3,173 | **3,762** | 224 | 701 | 2,220 | 202 |
| Apr02 | 106 | 26.31 | 3.91 | 3,236 | **3,970** | 170 | 740 | 2,557 | 161 |
| May02 | 109 | 26.94 | 3.91 | **3,640** | **4,161** | 200 | 708 | 2,500 | 174 |
| Jun02 | 196 | 25.58 | 3.54 | **3,440** | **4,019** | 161 | 708 | 2,204 | 159 |
| Jul02 | 245 | 26.95 | 3.17 | **3,435** | **3,891** | 145 | 676 | **2,175** | **154** |
| Aug02 | 191 | 28.20 | **2.93** | **3,632** | **3,929** | 152 | 695 | **2,238** | **163** |
| Sep02 | 189 | 29.67 | | | | **153** | **629** | **2,137** | **138** |
| Oct02 | **182** | **28.86** | | | | | | **2,463** | **200** |
| Nov02 | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec02 | | | | | | | | | |
| Average/Sum | | | | | | | | | |

# Historic and Current Economic Indicators

Selected Series

| | Consumer Price Index (1992 = 100) | | | Consumer Price Index (1995 = 100) | | Exchange Rates | | Prime Rates | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Alberta | Edmonton | Calgary | Canada | U.S | (Cdn$/US$) | (Cdn$/EURO) | Canada (%) | U.S. (%) |
| 1993 | 101.2 | 100.8 | 101.3 | 97.7 | 94.8 | 1.2901 | N/A | 5.94 | 6.00 |
| 1994 | 102.6 | 102.4 | 102.8 | 97.9 | 97.3 | 1.3657 | N/A | 6.88 | 7.21 |
| 1995 | 105.0 | 104.5 | 105.1 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 1.3725 | N/A | 8.65 | 8.81 |
| 1996 | 107.3 | 106.8 | 107.4 | 101.6 | 102.9 | 1.3635 | N/A | 6.06 | 8.27 |
| 1997 | 109.5 | 108.7 | 109.7 | 103.2 | 105.3 | 1.3844 | N/A | 4.96 | 8.46 |
| 1998 | 110.7 | 109.7 | 111.3 | 104.2 | 107.0 | 1.4831 | N/A | 6.60 | 8.31 |
| Jan99 | 111.7 | 110.5 | 112.4 | 104.6 | 107.8 | 1.5192 | 1.7615 | 6.75 | 7.75 |
| Feb99 | 111.6 | 110.5 | 112.4 | 104.5 | 108.0 | 1.4973 | 1.6778 | 6.75 | 7.75 |
| Mar99 | 111.9 | 110.7 | 112.6 | 105.1 | 108.3 | 1.5175 | 1.6521 | 6.75 | 7.75 |
| Apr99 | 112.2 | 111.0 | 112.9 | 105.7 | 109.1 | 1.4874 | 1.5913 | 6.50 | 7.75 |
| May99 | 113.0 | 111.8 | 113.7 | 105.8 | 109.1 | 1.4620 | 1.5531 | 6.25 | 7.75 |
| Jun99 | 113.3 | 112.0 | 114.0 | 105.9 | 109.1 | 1.4691 | 1.5244 | 6.25 | 7.75 |
| Jul99 | 113.6 | 112.4 | 114.3 | 106.3 | 109.4 | 1.4888 | 1.5443 | 6.25 | 8.00 |
| Aug99 | 114.3 | 113.2 | 115.1 | 106.6 | 109.7 | 1.4923 | 1.5826 | 6.25 | 8.25 |
| Sep99 | 114.9 | 113.8 | 115.7 | 106.9 | 110.2 | 1.4768 | 1.5505 | 6.25 | 8.25 |
| Oct99 | 115.1 | 113.7 | 116.1 | 107.0 | 110.4 | 1.4773 | 1.5817 | 6.25 | 8.25 |
| Nov99 | 114.6 | 113.3 | 115.5 | 106.9 | 110.4 | 1.4675 | 1.5149 | 6.50 | 8.50 |
| Dec99 | 115.1 | 113.8 | 116.0 | 107.0 | 110.4 | 1.4733 | 1.4899 | 6.50 | 8.50 |
| Average/Sum | 113.4 | 112.2 | 114.2 | 106.0 | 109.3 | 1.4857 | 1.5853 | 6.44 | 8.02 |
| Jan00 | 114.7 | 113.3 | 115.6 | 106.9 | 110.7 | 1.4489 | 1.4676 | 6.50 | 8.50 |
| Feb00 | 114.7 | 113.3 | 115.5 | 107.5 | 111.4 | 1.4511 | 1.4273 | 6.75 | 8.75 |
| Mar00 | 115.8 | 114.4 | 116.7 | 108.2 | 112.3 | 1.4606 | 1.4088 | 7.00 | 9.00 |
| Apr00 | 115.9 | 114.5 | 116.8 | 107.9 | 112.3 | 1.4684 | 1.3881 | 7.00 | 9.00 |
| May00 | 116.6 | 115.1 | 117.7 | 108.4 | 112.4 | 1.4955 | 1.3567 | 7.50 | 9.50 |
| Jun00 | 117.1 | 115.6 | 118.2 | 109.1 | 113.1 | 1.4768 | 1.4039 | 7.50 | 9.50 |
| Jul00 | 118.2 | 116.6 | 119.3 | 109.5 | 113.4 | 1.4779 | 1.3871 | 7.50 | 9.50 |
| Aug00 | 118.3 | 116.8 | 119.4 | 109.3 | 113.4 | 1.4825 | 1.3406 | 7.50 | 9.50 |
| Sep00 | 119.1 | 117.4 | 120.4 | 109.8 | 114.0 | 1.4862 | 1.2925 | 7.50 | 9.50 |
| Oct00 | 119.2 | 117.8 | 120.1 | 110.0 | 114.2 | 1.5123 | 1.2894 | 7.50 | 9.50 |
| Nov00 | 119.6 | 118.0 | 120.7 | 110.4 | 114.3 | 1.5422 | 1.3173 | 7.50 | 9.50 |
| Dec00 | 119.6 | 118.0 | 120.8 | 110.5 | 114.2 | 1.5224 | 1.3653 | 7.50 | 9.50 |
| Average/Sum | 117.4 | 115.9 | 118.4 | 109.0 | 113.0 | 1.4854 | 1.3704 | 7.27 | 9.27 |
| Jan01 | 116.0 | 113.6 | 118.0 | 110.1 | 114.9 | 1.5032 | 1.4099 | 7.25 | 9.00 |
| Feb01 | 118.8 | 117.1 | 120.1 | 110.5 | 115.4 | 1.5218 | 1.4008 | 7.25 | 8.50 |
| Mar01 | 118.7 | 117.0 | 120.1 | 110.9 | 115.6 | 1.5585 | 1.4154 | 6.75 | 8.00 |
| Apr01 | 118.9 | 117.2 | 120.3 | 111.7 | 116.1 | 1.5575 | 1.3906 | 6.50 | 7.50 |
| May01 | 123.2 | 121.5 | 124.6 | 112.7 | 116.6 | 1.5415 | 1.3482 | 6.25 | 7.00 |
| Jun01 | 123.5 | 121.8 | 125.0 | 112.8 | 116.8 | 1.5244 | 1.3004 | 6.25 | 7.00 |
| Jul01 | 121.6 | 120.1 | 122.8 | 112.4 | 116.5 | 1.5304 | 1.3186 | 6.00 | 6.75 |
| Aug01 | 121.5 | 119.9 | 122.6 | 112.4 | 116.5 | 1.5402 | 1.3900 | 5.75 | 6.50 |
| Sep01 | 122.4 | 120.9 | 123.4 | 112.7 | 117.0 | 1.5677 | 1.4295 | 5.25 | 6.00 |
| Oct01 | 121.0 | 119.4 | 122.2 | 112.1 | 116.6 | 1.5712 | 1.4222 | 4.50 | 5.50 |
| Nov01 | 116.6 | 115.1 | 117.6 | 111.1 | 116.4 | 1.5924 | 1.4138 | 4.00 | 5.00 |
| Dec01 | 118.5 | 117.5 | 118.8 | 111.2 | 116.0 | 1.5775 | 1.4070 | 4.00 | 4.75 |
| Average/Sum | 120.1 | 118.4 | 121.3 | 111.7 | 116.2 | 1.5489 | 1.3872 | 5.81 | 6.79 |
| Jan02 | 120.1 | 118.4 | 121.1 | 111.5 | 116.2 | 1.6003 | 1.4136 | 3.75 | 4.75 |
| Feb02 | 120.7 | 119.1 | 121.8 | 112.2 | 116.7 | 1.5985 | 1.3895 | 3.75 | 4.75 |
| Mar02 | 121.0 | 118.2 | 123.3 | 112.9 | 117.3 | 1.5870 | 1.3917 | 3.75 | 4.75 |
| Apr02 | 122.9 | 119.9 | 125.4 | 113.6 | 118.0 | 1.5814 | 1.4012 | 4.00 | 4.75 |
| May02 | 123.5 | 120.4 | 125.4 | 113.8 | 118.0 | 1.5497 | 1.4208 | 4.00 | 4.75 |
| Jun02 | 124.1 | 121.2 | 126.3 | 114.2 | 118.1 | 1.5317 | 1.4646 | 4.25 | 4.75 |
| Jul02 | 124.1 | 121.5 | 126.0 | **114.8** | 118.2 | 1.5459 | 1.5352 | 4.50 | 4.75 |
| Aug02 | 124.3 | 122.1 | 125.6 | | | 1.5679 | 1.5331 | 4.50 | 4.75 |
| Sep02 | **125.9** | **123.3** | **127.8** | | | 1.5758 | 1.5456 | 4.50 | 4.75 |
| Oct02 | | | | | | **1.5778** | **1.5484** | **4.50** | **4.75** |
| Nov02 | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec02 | | | | | | | | | |
| Average/Sum | | | | | | | | | |

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| Business Incorporations | Corporate Registry, Alberta Government Services |
| Consumer Price Index (international) | International Monetary Fund, **International Financial Statistics** |
| Dwelling Starts | CMHC, **Canadian Housing Statistics** |
| Energy Production/Deliveries | Alberta Energy and Utilities Board, **Alberta Energy Resource Industries, Monthly Statistics** |
| Energy Prices | Alberta Resource Development, **Information Letters** |
| Exchange Rates: | **Bank of Canada Review** |
| Interest Rates: | **Bank of Canada Review** |
| Rig Activity: | **Oilweek** (www.oilweek.com) |

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# Current Economic Indicators
# December 2002
# Highlights

**Labour Force:** Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell sharply to 5.3% in November, down from 5.7% in October, as employment levels rose 15,700 and the number of unemployed fell by 7,500. Alberta had the lowest unemployment rate of all provinces in November. Compared with November 2001, Alberta created 56,500 jobs, a 3.4% increase. Canada's unemployment rate fell from 7.6% to 7.5% between October and November.

**Construction:** In November, urban housing starts increased strongly by 27.3% from November 2001. The 2,986 starts registered for that month were the highest November level since 1978. The new housing market has been booming in 2002, and year-to-date starts in Alberta and Canada are up by 35.6% and 27.6% respectively, from the same period of last year. In October, the value of Alberta building permits increased by 18.6% compared to October 2001. This increase was the result of a 46% increase in residential permits. The value of non-residential permits fell 24%, because of a 66% drop in industrial permits. Year-to-date permits are up 18% from the previous year: a 39% jump in residential permits more than offset a 9% decline in the non-residential sector.

**Consumer Spending:** Alberta retail sales increased by 9.4% in September compared to the same month of the previous year. In the first nine months of 2002, retail sales were up a nation-leading 8.7%, well ahead of the 6.3% increase in national sales. Compared to 2001, new motor vehicle sales increased by 6% in September and by 10.5% for the year-to-date. In the January to October period, the value of Alberta's MLS sales (housing re-sales) was up strongly by 17.8% from the same period of 2001, as both prices and the number of units sold increased. Albertans paid 5.2% more for the goods and services comprising the Consumer Price Index (CPI) in September than they did in the same month last year. This high rate of increase is partly the result of provincial and federal cigarette tax hikes, but also higher homeowners' insurance premiums and maintenance and repair costs, as well as higher alcohol prices.

**Manufacturing:** The recovery in Alberta's manufacturing sector is gaining strength: the seasonally adjusted shipment value rose 4.1% between August and September, and 12.6% between last December and September 2002. For the first time this year, shipments were also higher on a year-over-year basis. In September, they were 5.5% higher than in September 2001. For the first nine months of 2002, total shipments were 7% lower, compared with the same period of last year.

**Agriculture:** Farm cash receipts fell 5.2% to $5.9 billion during the first nine months of this year compared to 2001. Alberta's crop receipts were 11% lower, mostly because of last year's drought, while livestock receipts fell 7.6%. Program payments, including crop insurance and provincial stabilization payments, reached a record high of $707 million in the first nine months.

**Exports:** After declining during the previous 14 months, Alberta's international exports increased by 9.4% in September, compared with September 2001. Energy exports were 26.5% higher, as both prices and volumes increased sharply, and exports of machinery and equipment rose 6.4%. Exports for the first nine months of 2002 were down 24.5% from the same period of last year, mainly due to a 31.3% decline in energy shipments.

**Bankruptcies/Incorporations:** In October, the numbers of business and consumer bankruptcies were down by 13.8% and 9.8%, respectively. During the first ten months of 2002, consumer and business bankruptcies increased by 1.8% and 19.1% respectively, compared with the same period of 2001. New business incorporations increased by 1.2% in November, compared with November 2001. For the January to November period, incorporations were 0.2% higher.

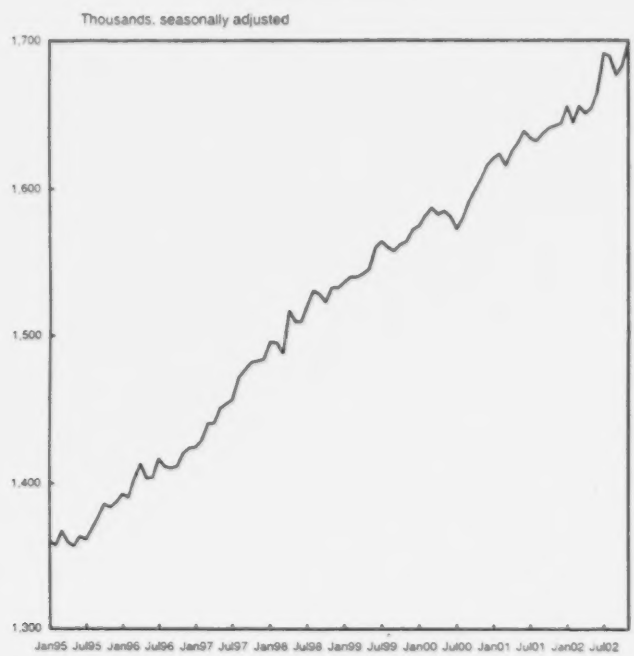
# CURRENT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

| LABOUR FORCE (seasonally adjusted) | SEP01 | OCT01 | NOV01 | SEP02 | OCT02 | NOV02 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alberta | | | | | | |
| a) Labour Force (000's) | 1,705.2 | 1,718.5 | 1,722.8 | 1,779.5 | 1,785.8 | 1,794.0 |
| b) Employed (000's) | 1,637.2 | 1,640.8 | 1,642.4 | 1,676.7 | 1,683.2 | 1,698.9 |
| c) Unemployment (000's) | 68.0 | 77.7 | 80.4 | 102.8 | 102.6 | 95.1 |
| d) Unemployment Rate (%) | 4.0 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 5.8 | 5.7 | 5.3 |
| e) Participation Rate (%) | 71.7 | 72.1 | 72.2 | 73.2 | 73.3 | 73.5 |

| LABOUR FORCE (unadjusted) | SEP01 | OCT01 | NOV01 | SEP02 | OCT02 | NOV02 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alberta | | | | | | |
| a) Unemployment Rate - Alberta (%) | 3.6 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.0 |
| Calgary | 4.8 | 4.5 | 4.1 | 6.3 | 6.3 | 6.2 |
| Edmonton | 4.3 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 4.7 |
| b) Male Unemployment Rate (%) | 3.1 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.8 | 5.4 | 5.2 |
| c) Female Unemployment Rate (%) | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 5.7 | 5.4 | 4.7 |
| d) Youth Unemployment Rate (%) | 8.0 | 9.7 | 9.3 | 11.2 | 11.8 | 10.9 |
| e) Participation Rate (%) | 71.6 | 71.8 | 71.8 | 72.9 | 72.9 | 73.2 |
| Calgary | 77.1 | 76.3 | 75.7 | 77.1 | 75.9 | 75.3 |
| Edmonton | 70.6 | 69.8 | 68.9 | 72.9 | 71.9 | 71.0 |
| f) Unemployment (000's) | 61.1 | 72.6 | 76.0 | 92.7 | 95.5 | 88.6 |
| Calgary | 29.3 | 27.5 | 24.8 | 39.7 | 38.9 | 38.1 |
| Edmonton | 22.8 | 24.1 | 25.4 | 28.3 | 26.8 | 26.0 |
| g) Employed (000's) | 1,642.3 | 1,638.6 | 1,637.2 | 1,680.4 | 1,681.6 | 1,698.0 |
| Full-time | 1,344.7 | 1,341.6 | 1,340.3 | 1,382.1 | 1,377.4 | 1,380.3 |
| Part-time | 297.6 | 297.0 | 296.9 | 298.3 | 304.2 | 317.7 |
| Calgary | 582.4 | 579.3 | 579.5 | 590.3 | 583.1 | 580.4 |
| Edmonton | 509.6 | 503.6 | 497.0 | 533.9 | 528.7 | 523.6 |

NOTE: Calgary and Edmonton estimates are 3-month moving averages.

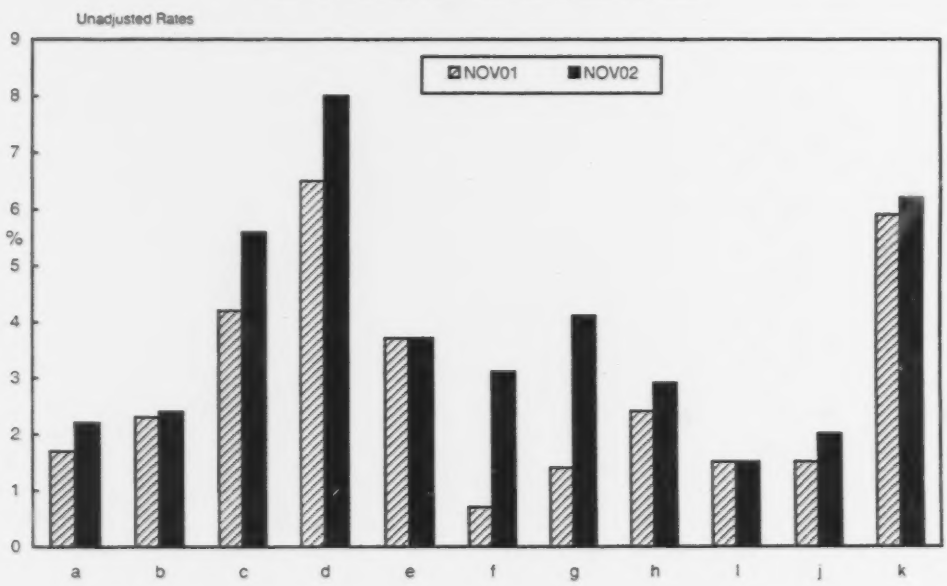
## EMPLOYMENT




## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

| INDUSTRY LABOUR FORCE (unadjusted) | SEP01 | OCT01 | NOV01 | SEP02 | OCT02 | NOV02 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alberta | | | | | | |
| **a) Agriculture** | | | | | | |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 0.7 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 3.1 | 2.3 | 2.2 |
| Employed (000's) | 59.3 | 61.0 | 58.8 | 61.8 | 67.1 | 71.8 |
| **b) Mining & Oil & Gas Extraction** | | | | | | |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 2.3 | 3.6 | 2.3 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 2.4 |
| Employed (000's) | 108.3 | 106.9 | 105.4 | 81.6 | 87.4 | 92.0 |
| **c) Manufacturing** | | | | | | |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 3.4 | 3.3 | 4.2 | 3.0 | 5.2 | 5.6 |
| Employed (000's) | 139.2 | 141.1 | 135.7 | 157.3 | 148.1 | 147.5 |
| **d) Construction** | | | | | | |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 4.2 | 5.3 | 6.5 | 6.4 | 5.5 | 8.0 |
| Employed (000's) | 133.9 | 130.2 | 132.5 | 143.1 | 144.7 | 139.5 |
| **e) Retail Trade** | | | | | | |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 2.4 | 2.5 | 3.7 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 3.7 |
| Employed (000's) | 190.1 | 195.5 | 202.8 | 186.8 | 186.6 | 185.6 |
| **f) Transportation & Warehousing** | | | | | | |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 2.0 | 2.6 | 0.7 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.1 |
| Employed (000's) | 101.6 | 98.9 | 99.2 | 102.7 | 100.7 | 99.8 |
| **g) Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing** | | | | | | |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 1.8 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 4.0 | 4.1 |
| Employed (000's) | 75.4 | 76.1 | 76.4 | 88.9 | 85.8 | 80.3 |
| **h) Professional, Scientific & Technical Services** | | | | | | |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.4 | 3.5 | 4.2 | 2.9 |
| Employed (000's) | 117.1 | 118.9 | 120.6 | 122.5 | 118.0 | 121.2 |
| **i) Educational Services** | | | | | | |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 3.3 | 3.0 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.5 |
| Employed (000's) | 107.2 | 107.3 | 106.5 | 105.4 | 105.7 | 112.1 |
| **j) Health Care & Social Assistance** | | | | | | |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 1.8 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.0 |
| Employed (000's) | 145.6 | 146.1 | 151.5 | 162.1 | 164.0 | 164.3 |
| **k) Accommodation & Food Services** | | | | | | |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 3.3 | 6.4 | 5.9 | 5.3 | 7.3 | 6.2 |
| Employed (000's) | 113.3 | 115.4 | 110.9 | 118.0 | 118.0 | 118.8 |

## INDUSTRY UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



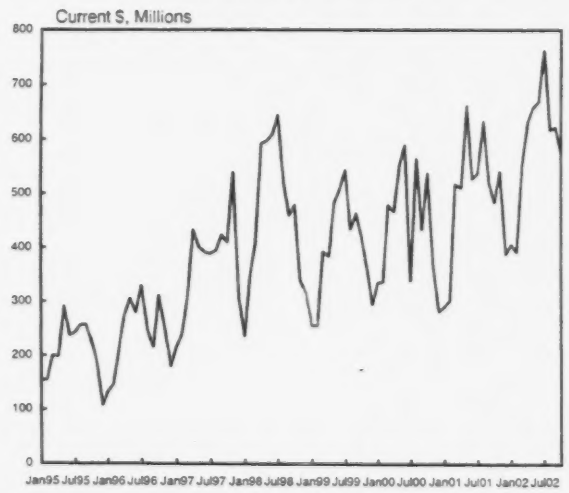
| BUILDING PERMITS ($000,000) | JANUARY - OCTOBER | | | SEPTEMBER | | | OCTOBER | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
| Total Value - Alberta | 4,983.1 | 5,882.2 | 18.0 | 521.4 | 621.3 | 19.2 | 484.2 | 574.5 | 18.6 |
| Calgary | 1,909.5 | 2,321.3 | 21.6 | 136.2 | 217.4 | 59.6 | 186.7 | 225.1 | 20.6 |
| Edmonton | 1,211.5 | 1,512.1 | 24.8 | 175.6 | 172.0 | -2.1 | 128.5 | 166.7 | 29.8 |
| Residential - Alberta | 2,834.5 | 3,930.2 | 38.7 | 297.3 | 347.7 | 17.0 | 293.5 | 429.9 | 46.5 |
| Calgary | 1,226.6 | 1,690.6 | 37.8 | 99.0 | 144.8 | 46.3 | 129.5 | 176.1 | 35.9 |
| Edmonton | 660.1 | 1,036.6 | 57.0 | 73.6 | 96.7 | 31.4 | 74.3 | 126.4 | 70.2 |
| Industrial - Alberta | 562.8 | 344.0 | -38.9 | 88.7 | 58.3 | -34.2 | 58.2 | 20.0 | -65.7 |
| Calgary | 72.2 | 41.6 | -42.4 | 1.2 | 2.1 | 75.2 | 6.1 | 4.9 | -19.2 |
| Edmonton | 118.6 | 101.0 | -14.8 | 46.5 | 4.9 | -89.5 | 12.9 | 5.1 | -60.3 |
| Commercial - Alberta | 1,104.4 | 1,120.9 | 1.5 | 106.0 | 157.9 | 48.9 | 103.1 | 93.8 | -9.0 |
| Calgary | 436.8 | 455.0 | 4.1 | 34.9 | 58.6 | 68.0 | 44.4 | 34.8 | -21.6 |
| Edmonton | 302.6 | 298.0 | -1.5 | 40.8 | 65.1 | 59.5 | 33.8 | 21.4 | -36.6 |
| Institutional/Government - Alberta | 481.4 | 487.0 | 1.2 | 29.4 | 57.3 | 95.1 | 29.4 | 30.8 | 4.7 |
| Calgary | 174.0 | 134.1 | -22.9 | 1.1 | 11.9 | 967.3 | 6.8 | 9.4 | 39.0 |
| Edmonton | 130.3 | 76.4 | -41.3 | 14.6 | 5.2 | -64.2 | 7.5 | 13.8 | 84.7 |

| HOUSING STARTS (urban) | JANUARY - NOVEMBER | | | OCTOBER | | | NOVEMBER | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
| Alberta | | | | | | | | | |
| a) Total | 22,284 | 30,221 | 35.6 | 2,469 | 3,286 | 33.1 | 2,345 | 2,986 | 27.3 |
| - Single Detached | 14,487 | 18,480 | 27.6 | 1,423 | 1,726 | 21.3 | 1,379 | 1,799 | 30.5 |
| - All Others* | 7,797 | 11,741 | 50.6 | 1,046 | 1,560 | 49.1 | 966 | 1,187 | 22.9 |
| b) Calgary | 10,337 | 13,420 | 29.8 | 1,092 | 1,342 | 22.9 | 1,022 | 1,296 | 26.8 |
| c) Edmonton | 7,107 | 11,496 | 61.8 | 677 | 1,354 | 100.0 | 822 | 1,246 | 51.6 |

* Includes: two family, row, and apartment dwellings

| MULTIPLE LISTING SERVICE (MLS) HOUSING RESALES | JANUARY - OCTOBER | | | SEPTEMBER | | | OCTOBER | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
| a) Alberta - total units | 42,278 | 45,006 | 6.5 | 3,976 | 4,108 | 3.3 | 4,106 | 4,029 | -1.9 |
| - Calgary | 19,191 | 21,721 | 13.2 | 1,869 | 1,981 | 6.0 | 1,821 | 1,930 | 6.0 |
| - Edmonton | 14,002 | 14,074 | 0.5 | 1,239 | 1,281 | 3.4 | 1,409 | 1,222 | -13.3 |
| b) Alberta - total value ($000,000) | 6,472.4 | 7,624.7 | 17.8 | 616.2 | 698.1 | 13.3 | 628.4 | 690.8 | 9.9 |
| - Calgary | 3,493.0 | 4,285.1 | 22.7 | 339.4 | 391.1 | 15.2 | 330.9 | 388.5 | 17.4 |
| - Edmonton | 1,858.3 | 2,106.6 | 13.4 | 166.5 | 193.2 | 16.0 | 188.9 | 183.8 | -2.7 |

## BUILDING PERMITS

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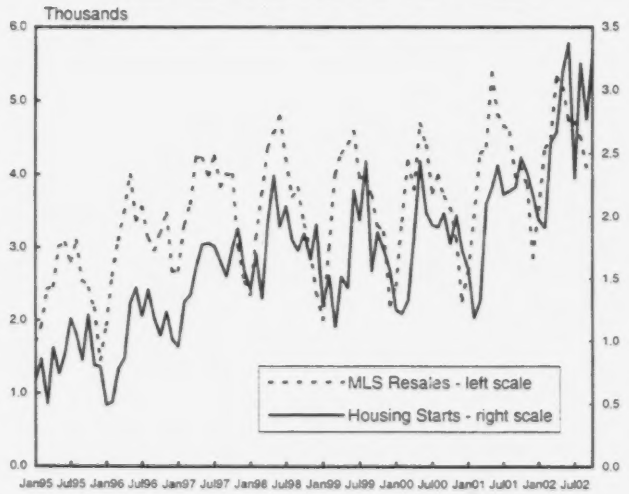

| HELP WANTED INDEX | JANUARY - NOVEMBER | | | OCTOBER | | | NOVEMBER | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
| **Alberta** | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996=100 - seasonally adjusted | 170.9 | 136.0 | -20.4 | 152.9 | 130.0 | -15.0 | 147.0 | 125.1 | -14.9 |

| WAGES AND SALARIES ($000,000) | JANUARY - SEPTEMBER | | | AUGUST | | | SEPTEMBER | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
| **Alberta** | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 44,185 | 47,248 | 6.9 | 4,945 | 5,307 | 7.3 | 4,960 | 5,351 | 7.9 |

| AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS ALL EMPLOYEES | JANUARY - SEPTEMBER | | | AUGUST | | | SEPTEMBER | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
| **Alberta** | | | | | | | | | |
| $/week, incl. overtime | $681.37 | $697.41 | 2.4 | $688.55 | $699.02 | 1.5 | $687.50 | $701.84 | 2.1 |

| INTERNATIONAL TRAVELLERS, NON-RESIDENTS ENTERING ALBERTA | JANUARY - SEPTEMBER | | | AUGUST | | | SEPTEMBER | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
| **Alberta** | | | | | | | | | |
| Total (excludes same-day) | 721,015 | 692,766 | -3.9 | 134,793 | 126,646 | -6.0 | 70,746 | 78,482 | 10.9 |
| - U.S.A. (excludes same-day) | 491,437 | 504,422 | 2.6 | 96,233 | 96,527 | 0.3 | 44,635 | 52,099 | 16.7 |
| - United Kingdom | 90,680 | 77,109 | -15.0 | 12,012 | 9,491 | -21.0 | 10,150 | 8,443 | -16.8 |
| - Germany | 31,176 | 25,367 | -18.6 | 5,371 | 4,573 | -14.9 | 4,643 | 4,439 | -4.4 |
| - Japan | 27,656 | 18,072 | -34.7 | 6,819 | 3,907 | -42.7 | 3,012 | 6,237 | 107.1 |
| - Netherlands | 15,844 | 13,018 | -17.8 | 2,550 | 2,236 | -12.3 | 2,083 | 1,435 | -31.1 |
| - Mexico | 5,097 | 5,415 | 6.2 | 865 | 1,091 | 26.1 | 393 | 500 | 27.2 |
| - Australia | 5,949 | 5,285 | -11.2 | 679 | 766 | 12.8 | 619 | 688 | 11.1 |
| - Switzerland | 6,988 | 5,163 | -26.1 | 1,455 | 1,003 | -31.1 | 696 | 443 | -36.4 |

Figures given are for non-residents entering Alberta directly. Consequently, actual totals will be understated since significant numbers of tourists enter via other provinces.

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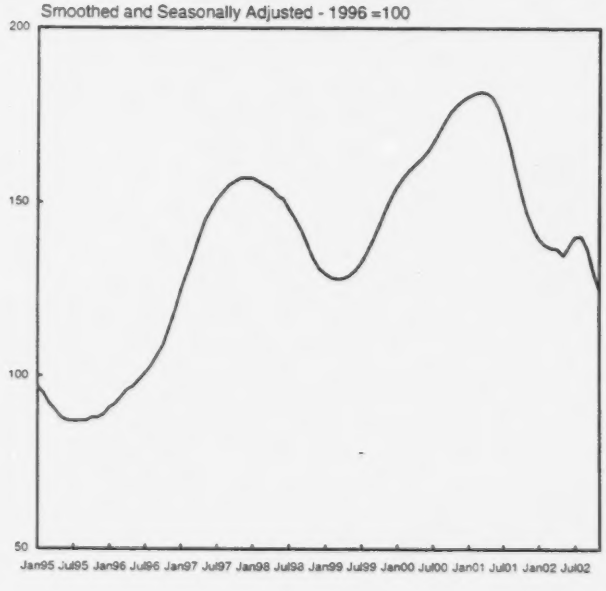
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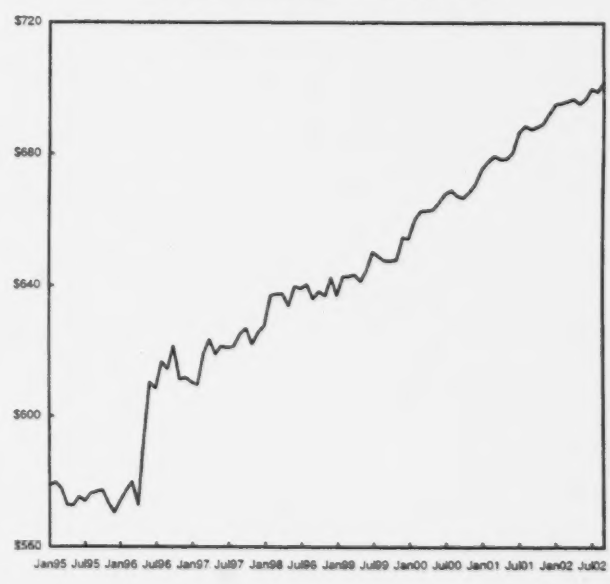


| RETAIL TRADE ($000,000) | JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | AUGUST 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | SEPTEMBER 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Alberta** | | | | | | | | | |
| Total All Stores, seasonally adjusted | 25,666 | 27,894 | 8.7 | 2,913 | 3,119 | 7.1 | 2,850 | 3,118 | 9.4 |
| - Food & Drug Stores | 6,601 | 7,111 | 7.7 | 802 | 878 | 9.4 | 754 | 782 | 3.6 |
| - Clothing & Shoe Stores | 1,197 | 1,232 | 2.9 | 158 | 165 | 4.7 | 147 | 153 | 3.8 |
| - Furniture, Appliances, Furnishings | 1,477 | 1,638 | 10.9 | 176 | 209 | 19.0 | 185 | 208 | 12.6 |
| - Motor & R.V. Dealers | 6,926 | 7,780 | 12.3 | 810 | 849 | 4.9 | 712 | 844 | 18.6 |
| - Gasoline Service Stations | 2,026 | 2,118 | 4.5 | 247 | 273 | 10.6 | 245 | 253 | 2.9 |
| - Auto Parts, Access. & Services | 1,508 | 1,634 | 8.3 | 188 | 190 | 1.1 | 161 | 174 | 8.4 |
| - General Merchandise Stores | 2,584 | 2,774 | 7.4 | 316 | 339 | 7.4 | 298 | 321 | 7.6 |
| - All Other Stores | 2,664 | 2,861 | 7.4 | 347 | 362 | 4.3 | 304 | 322 | 5.7 |

NOTE: The Total All Stores series is seasonally adjusted; the sales by store type series are not seasonally adjusted

| RESTAURANT, CATERER AND TAVERN RECEIPTS ($000,000) | JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | AUGUST 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | SEPTEMBER 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Alberta** | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 3,378 | 3,218 | -4.7 | 393 | 382 | -2.8 | 361 | 358 | -0.9 |

| WHOLESALE TRADE ($000,000) | JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | AUGUST 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | SEPTEMBER 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Alberta** | | | | | | | | | |
| All Merchants, not seas. adjusted | 30,529 | 31,135 | 2.0 | 3,572 | 3,550 | -0.6 | 3,303 | 3,494 | 5.8 |

| NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES | JANUARY - OCTOBER 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | SEPTEMBER 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | OCTOBER 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Alberta** | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Number Sold | 153,832 | 169,919 | 10.5 | 15,042 | 16,866 | 12.1 | 15,247 | 16,164 | 6.0 |
| - Passenger Vehicles | 59,439 | 67,094 | 12.9 | 5,492 | 6,572 | 19.7 | 5,810 | 5,863 | 0.9 |
| - Commercial Vehicles | 94,393 | 102,825 | 8.9 | 9,550 | 10,294 | 7.8 | 9,437 | 10,301 | 9.2 |

NOTE: Commercial vehicles include minivans, sport-utility vehicles, light and heavy trucks, vans, coaches and buses. Passenger vehicles also include taxis and rental cars.

**RETAIL TRADE**

**NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES**

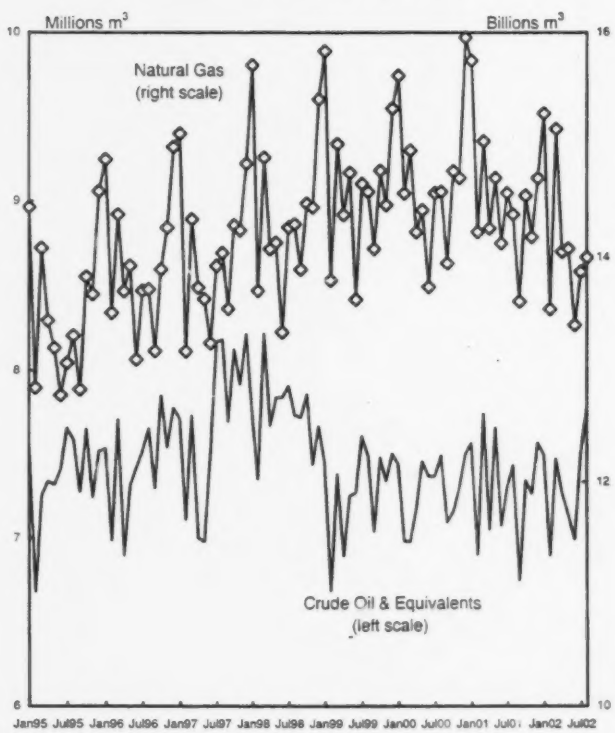
| ENERGY PRODUCTION AND DELIVERIES | JANUARY - AUGUST | | | JULY | | | AUGUST | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
| **Alberta** | | | | | | | | | |
| a) Natural Gas | | | | | | | | | |
| - Production (million $m^3$) | 117,054 | 113,372 | -3.1 | 14,571 | 13,873 | -4.8 | 14,380 | 14,001 | -2.6 |
| - Deliveries (million $m^3$) | 86,403 | 74,200 | -14.1 | 10,752 | 8,312 | -22.7 | 10,676 | 8,567 | -19.8 |
| b) Crude Oil and Equivalents | | | | | | | | | |
| - Production ('000 $m^3$) | 58,720 | 58,532 | -0.3 | 7,299 | 7,501 | 2.8 | 7,434 | 7,782 | 4.7 |
| - Deliveries ('000 $m^3$) | 62,126 | 58,708 | -5.5 | 8,248 | 7,870 | -4.6 | 7,834 | 7,514 | -4.1 |

| RIG ACTIVITY | JANUARY - NOVEMBER AVERAGE | | | OCTOBER | | | NOVEMBER | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
| **Alberta** | | | | | | | | | |
| a) Drilling | 301 | 224 | -25.7 | 256 | 182 | -28.9 | 247 | 241 | -2.6 |
| b) Available | 491 | 514 | 4.6 | 511 | 514 | 0.4 | 521 | 515 | -1.2 |

| ENERGY PRICES | ANNUAL AVERAGES | | 2001 | | | 2002 | | | Annual % Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2000 | 2001 | SEP | OCT | NOV | SEP | OCT | NOV | |
| West Texas Intermediate Crude Oil Price (US$/Barrel) | 30.20 | 25.90 | 26.04 | 22.25 | 19.67 | 29.67 | 28.86 | 26.19 | 33.1 |
| Natural Gas Reference Price (C$/GJ) | 4.27 | 5.12 | 2.76 | 2.40 | 3.33 | 3.51 | N/A | N/A | 27.2 |

Note: **Annual % Change** is a comparison of the latest month for which data are available with the same month of the previous year.

## ENERGY PRODUCTION

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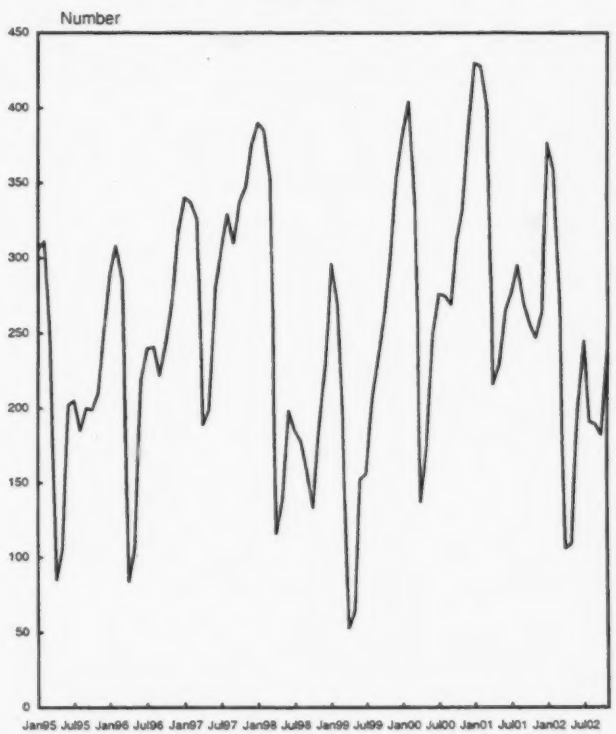


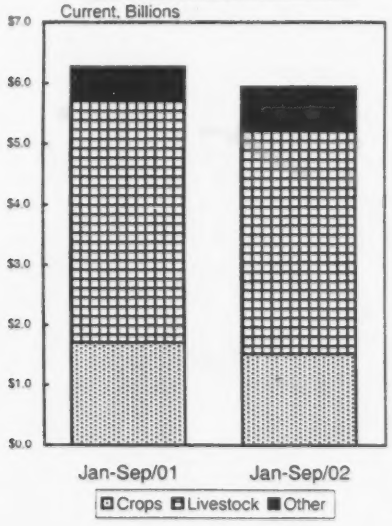
| MANUFACTURING (Value of shipments of goods of own manufacture $000,000) | JANUARY - SEPTEMBER | | | AUGUST | | | SEPTEMBER | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
| Alberta | | | | | | | | | |
| a) Total | 32,432.6 | 30,176.5 | -7.0 | 3,768.9 | 3,607.8 | -4.3 | 3,514.2 | 3,708.6 | 5.5 |
| b) Food | 6,845.7 | 6,810.9 | -0.5 | 807.0 | 790.3 | -2.1 | 777.0 | 792.1 | 1.9 |
| c) Beverage | 544.2 | 540.0 | -0.8 | 72.0 | 65.7 | -8.8 | 58.4 | 56.6 | -3.1 |
| d) Plastics & Rubber Products | 814.4 | 772.4 | -5.2 | 101.4 | 98.6 | -2.7 | 91.6 | 95.8 | 4.5 |
| e) Primary Metal | 774.2 | 660.7 | -14.7 | 93.3 | 82.8 | -11.2 | 81.8 | 76.8 | -6.1 |
| f) Metal Fabricating | 2,034.5 | 1,919.2 | -5.7 | 235.3 | 218.1 | -7.3 | 220.0 | 264.1 | 20.1 |
| g) Printing & Publishing | 458.3 | 428.0 | -6.6 | 52.4 | 49.4 | -5.7 | 49.4 | 50.4 | 2.0 |
| h) Non-Metallic Mineral Products | 901.8 | 1,112.4 | 23.4 | 140.4 | 154.2 | 9.8 | 128.7 | 157.6 | 22.4 |
| i) Petroleum/Coal Products | 5,763.6 | 5,375.6 | -6.7 | 715.2 | 768.4 | 7.4 | 691.3 | 742.6 | 7.4 |
| j) Chemicals & Chemical Products | 5,380.7 | 4,638.7 | -13.8 | 543.4 | 538.9 | -0.8 | 497.5 | 553.0 | 11.2 |
| k) Wood | 1,682.0 | 1,722.4 | 2.4 | 217.8 | 183.7 | -15.7 | 185.2 | 184.6 | -0.3 |
| l) Furniture and Fixtures | 663.1 | 622.6 | -6.1 | 80.6 | 68.4 | -15.0 | 67.7 | 76.4 | 12.8 |
| m) Paper & Allied | 1,125.1 | 1,134.7 | 0.9 | 119.5 | 140.1 | 17.2 | 127.1 | 130.8 | 2.9 |
| n) Computers & Electronics | 1,673.8 | 1,014.2 | -39.4 | 156.2 | 102.0 | -34.7 | 122.8 | 128.5 | 4.6 |
| o) Transportation Equipment | 593.2 | 600.1 | 1.2 | 66.7 | 50.9 | -23.7 | 63.3 | 75.1 | 18.7 |
| p) Machinery | 2,507.4 | 2,170.5 | -13.4 | 292.6 | 219.1 | -25.1 | 282.3 | 249.4 | -11.6 |
| q) Other Manufacturing | 670.6 | 654.1 | -2.5 | 75.1 | 72.4 | -3.5 | 70.1 | 74.8 | 6.8 |

NOTE: **Other Manufacturing** is derived residually, by deducting the sum of the above industries from the total for all manufacturing

| AGRICULTURE Farm Cash Receipts ($000,000) | JANUARY - SEPTEMBER | | | APRIL - JUNE | | | JULY - SEPTEMBER | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
| Alberta | | | | | | | | | |
| a) Total From Operations | 6,263.2 | 5,934.6 | -5.2 | 1,974.7 | 1,794.6 | -9.1 | 2,204.6 | 2,073.0 | -6.0 |
| b) Crops | 1,702.4 | 1,516.5 | -10.9 | 490.9 | 482.8 | -1.6 | 486.3 | 410.6 | -15.6 |
| - Wheat, other than Durum | 553.1 | 435.6 | -21.2 | 173.0 | 145.8 | -15.8 | 183.8 | 146.8 | -20.2 |
| - Durum Wheat | 104.1 | 74.7 | -28.3 | 30.5 | 25.4 | -16.6 | 29.5 | 31.6 | 7.3 |
| - Barley | 162.6 | 110.4 | -32.1 | 52.8 | 42.4 | -19.8 | 43.9 | 34.7 | -21.0 |
| - Canola | 422.2 | 308.2 | -27.0 | 108.9 | 117.2 | 7.6 | 130.1 | 84.4 | -35.1 |
| c) Livestock | 4,015.4 | 3,711.3 | -7.6 | 1,369.8 | 1,259.9 | -8.0 | 1,412.2 | 1,215.9 | -13.9 |
| - Cattle and Calves | 3,061.1 | 2,807.3 | -8.3 | 1,048.0 | 968.7 | -7.6 | 1,078.7 | 917.9 | -14.9 |
| - Hogs | 455.1 | 398.0 | -12.5 | 161.6 | 128.0 | -20.8 | 155.9 | 123.1 | -21.1 |
| - Dairy Products | 260.3 | 272.2 | 4.6 | 89.0 | 92.9 | 4.4 | 85.4 | 88.3 | 3.4 |
| - Poultry | 145.5 | 141.2 | -3.0 | 49.0 | 48.2 | -1.6 | 52.9 | 49.7 | -6.1 |

NOTE: **Wheat, Durum Wheat** and **Barley** receipts include Canadian Wheat Board payments

**FARM CASH RECEIPTS**



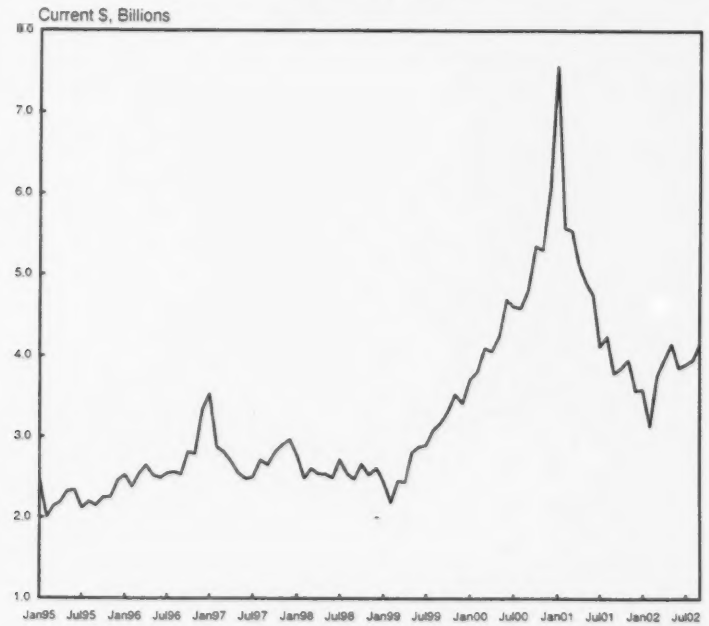

**MANUFACTURING**

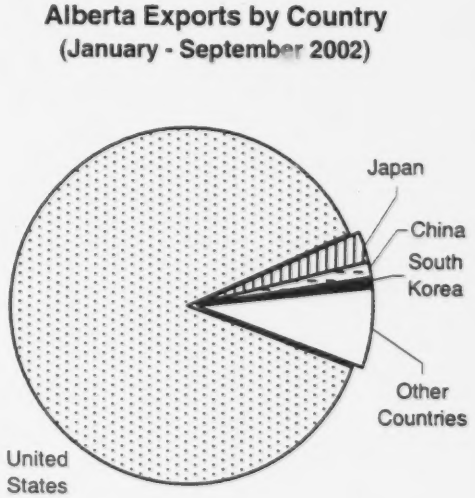
| EXPORTS By Commodity Groups ($000,000) | JANUARY - SEPTEMBER | | | AUGUST | | | SEPTEMBER | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
| **Alberta** | | | | | | | | | |
| a) Total | 45,611.5 | 34,431.1 | -24.5 | 4,237.8 | 3,929.2 | -7.3 | 3,786.7 | 4,143.9 | 9.4 |
| b) Agricultural Products | 4,293.9 | 3,680.8 | -14.3 | 459.0 | 428.9 | -6.6 | 479.0 | 370.5 | -22.7 |
| c) Energy Products | 30,142.3 | 20,702.4 | -31.3 | 2,598.8 | 2,395.0 | -7.8 | 2,082.4 | 2,633.8 | 26.5 |
| d) Forestry Products | 2,082.5 | 2,060.4 | -1.1 | 228.2 | 217.4 | -4.7 | 238.2 | 208.1 | -12.6 |
| e) Industrial Goods | 4,152.7 | 3,663.2 | -11.8 | 505.9 | 422.7 | -16.4 | 486.4 | 427.3 | -12.2 |
| f) Machinery and Equipment | 3,902.6 | 3,307.3 | -15.3 | 338.7 | 359.4 | 6.1 | 375.8 | 399.8 | 6.4 |
| g) Automotive Products | 412.4 | 439.2 | 6.5 | 42.0 | 42.8 | 1.9 | 59.6 | 34.8 | -41.6 |
| h) Consumer Goods | 128.5 | 104.9 | -18.4 | 12.0 | 10.6 | -11.7 | 14.0 | 14.6 | 4.3 |
| i) Special Transactions | 496.5 | 472.9 | -4.8 | 53.1 | 52.4 | -1.3 | 51.2 | 55.1 | 7.6 |

NOTE: Estimates in the "Commodities" table come from published sources: previous month estimates are not current and may not match estimates in the "Countries" table.

| EXPORTS Top 10 Countries ($000,000) | JANUARY - SEPTEMBER | | | AUGUST | | | SEPTEMBER | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
| **Alberta** | | | | | | | | | |
| a) Total | 45,611.5 | 34,431.1 | -24.5 | 4,237.8 | 3,950.1 | -6.8 | 3,786.7 | 4,143.9 | 9.4 |
| b) United States | 40,934.6 | 30,268.5 | -26.1 | 3,780.1 | 3,469.1 | -8.2 | 3,297.2 | 3,734.2 | 13.3 |
| c) Japan | 977.9 | 875.9 | -10.4 | 92.8 | 102.4 | 10.4 | 123.8 | 81.7 | -34.0 |
| d) China | 633.3 | 519.2 | -18.0 | 72.0 | 51.5 | -28.5 | 60.1 | 61.7 | 2.7 |
| e) South Korea | 332.3 | 322.6 | -2.9 | 41.9 | 37.5 | -10.6 | 34.7 | 31.4 | -9.6 |
| f) Mexico | 347.8 | 302.3 | -13.1 | 35.7 | 36.6 | 2.7 | 37.5 | 27.4 | -26.9 |
| g)Taiwan | 168.4 | 185.3 | 10.0 | 17.1 | 23.1 | 35.0 | 28.1 | 25.8 | -8.1 |
| h) United Kingdom | 136.5 | 129.6 | -5.0 | 22.2 | 11.2 | -49.5 | 8.7 | 12.4 | 41.9 |
| I) Belgium | 95.7 | 97.8 | 2.2 | 4.3 | 11.3 | 163.1 | 8.2 | 17.3 | 109.7 |
| j) Italy | 128.9 | 95.9 | -25.6 | 8.8 | 11.3 | 28.0 | 10.4 | 9.1 | -13.0 |
| k) Hong Kong | 66.9 | 80.8 | 20.8 | 10.9 | 12.0 | 10.6 | 10.3 | 8.6 | -16.5 |
| l) Other Countries | 1,789.1 | 1,553.0 | -13.2 | 152.1 | 184.1 | 21.1 | 167.6 | 134.5 | -19.8 |

## EXPORTS



| International & Interprovincial MIGRATION | JANUARY - JUNE | | | JANUARY - MARCH | | | APRIL - JUNE | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
| **Alberta** | | | | | | | | | |
| a) International | | | | | | | | | |
| - Immigration | 8,274 | 8,448 | 2.1 | 3,835 | 3,910 | 2.0 | 4,439 | 4,538 | 2.2 |
| - Emigration | 2,404 | 2,423 | 0.8 | 1,116 | 1,123 | 0.6 | 1,288 | 1,300 | 0.9 |
| - Net non-permanent residents | 1,763 | 748 | -57.6 | 975 | 365 | -62.6 | 788 | 383 | -51.4 |
| - Temporarily abroad | 1,485 | 1,665 | 12.1 | 722 | 809 | 12.0 | 763 | 856 | 12.2 |
| - Returning Canadians | 1,457 | 1,441 | -1.1 | 521 | 516 | -1.0 | 936 | 925 | -1.2 |
| - Net international migration | 7,605 | 6,549 | -13.9 | 3,493 | 2,859 | -18.2 | 4,112 | 3,690 | -10.3 |
| b) Interprovincial | | | | | | | | | |
| - In-migration | 29,497 | 38,715 | 31.3 | 12 964 | 17,916 | 38.2 | 16,533 | 20,799 | 25.8 |
| - Out-migration | 19,574 | 27,108 | 38.5 | 8,471 | 11,956 | 41.1 | 11,103 | 15,152 | 36.5 |
| - Net interprovincial migration | 9,923 | 11,607 | 17.0 | 4,493 | 5,960 | 32.7 | 5,430 | 5,647 | 4.0 |

| BANKRUPTCIES | JANUARY - OCTOBER | | | SEPTEMBER | | | OCTOBER | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
| **Alberta** | | | | | | | | | |
| a) Business | | | | | | | | | |
| - Number | 1,435 | 1,709 | 19.1 | 111 | 153 | 37.8 | 174 | 150 | -13.8 |
| - Value ($'000) | 281,734 | 417,002 | 48.0 | 19,011 | 99,651 | 424.2 | 27,078 | 49,793 | 83.9 |
| b) Consumer (number) | 6,858 | 6,980 | 1.8 | 625 | 629 | 0.6 | 837 | 755 | -9.8 |

| NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS | JANUARY - NOVEMBER | | | OCTOBER | | | NOVEMBER | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change | 2001 | 2002 | Per cent Change |
| **Alberta** | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Business Incorporations | 27,404 | 27,465 | 0.2 | 2,552 | 2,618 | 2.6 | 2,484 | 2,513 | 1.2 |
| - Alberta Corporations | 25,609 | 25,616 | 0.0 | 2,397 | 2,422 | 1.0 | 2,333 | 2,353 | 0.9 |
| - Non-Alberta Corporations | 1,795 | 1,849 | 3.0 | 155 | 196 | 26.5 | 151 | 160 | 6.0 |

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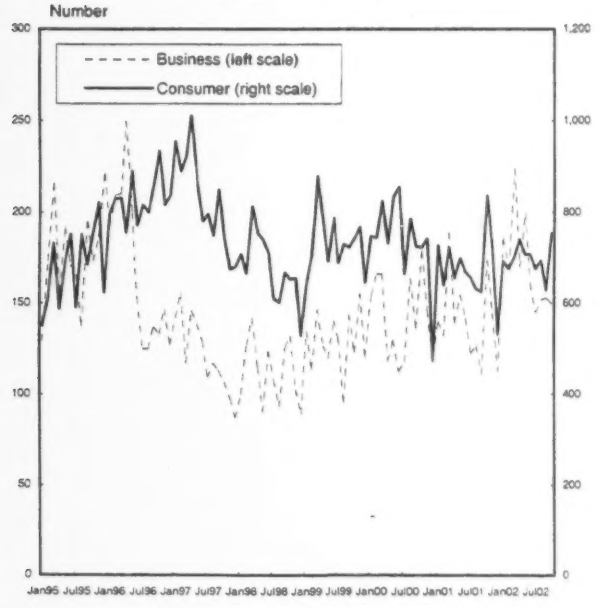


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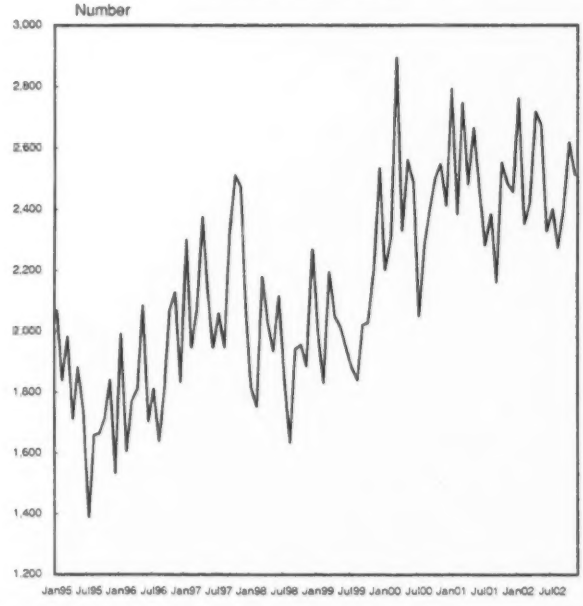


| CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100) | ANNUAL RATES | | | 2001 | 2002 | | | | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | OCT | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | Oct'01 - Oct'02 |
| a) Alberta | | | | | | | | | |
| - All Items | 113.4 | 117.4 | 120.1 | 121.0 | 124.1 | 124.3 | 125.9 | 127.3 | 5.2 |
| - Food | 109.3 | 111.7 | 116.9 | 116.7 | 120.3 | 120.3 | 119.5 | 119.2 | 2.1 |
| - Shelter | 111.7 | 118.6 | 121.5 | 124.3 | 118.6 | 117.0 | 123.4 | 128.9 | 3.7 |
| - Energy | 122.2 | 147.4 | 147.8 | 154.6 | 135.0 | 131.4 | 151.0 | 167.1 | 8.1 |
| - All Items, excl. Food and Energy | 113.5 | 115.6 | 118.0 | 118.5 | 123.8 | 124.5 | 124.8 | 125.1 | 5.6 |
| b) Edmonton | 112.2 | 115.9 | 118.4 | 119.4 | 121.5 | 122.1 | 123.3 | 125.6 | 5.2 |
| c) Calgary | 114.2 | 118.4 | 121.3 | 122.2 | 126.0 | 125.6 | 127.8 | 128.2 | 4.9 |

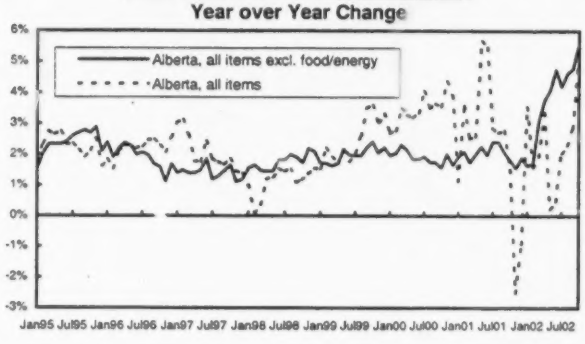
| CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1995=100) | ANNUAL RATES | | | 2001 | | 2002 | | | Annual |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Selected Countries | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | JUL | AUG | JUN | JUL | AUG | % Change |
| a) Canada | 106.0 | 109.0 | 111.7 | 112.4 | 112.4 | 114.2 | 114.8 | N/A | 2.1 |
| b) United States | 109.3 | 113.0 | 116.2 | 116.5 | 116.5 | 118.1 | 118.2 | N/A | 1.5 |
| c) Germany | 105.0 | 106.9 | 109.6 | 110.2 | 110.0 | 111.1 | 111.3 | 111.2 | 1.1 |
| d) United Kingdom | 111.0 | 114.2 | 116.3 | 116.3 | 116.7 | 118.2 | 118.0 | N/A | 1.5 |
| e) France | 104.5 | 106.2 | 108.0 | 108.3 | 108.3 | 110.1 | 110.1 | N/A | 1.7 |
| f) Japan | 102.2 | 101.5 | 100.8 | 100.5 | 100.9 | 100.1 | 99.7 | N/A | -0.8 |

| EXCHANGE RATES (in $Cdn) | ANNUAL RATES | | | 2001 | 2002 | | | | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | NOV | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | Nov'01 - Nov'02 |
| a) United States | 1.4858 | 1.4854 | 1.5489 | 1.5924 | 1.5679 | 1.5758 | 1.5778 | 1.5714 | 1.3 |
| b) Japan | 0.0131 | 0.0138 | 0.0128 | 0.0130 | 0.0132 | 0.0130 | 0.0127 | 0.0129 | 0.6 |
| c) European Monetary Union (EURO) | 1.5847 | 1.3704 | 1.3868 | 1.4138 | 1.5331 | 1.5456 | 1.5484 | 1.5731 | -10.1 |
| d) United Kingdom | 2.4038 | 2.2499 | 2.2298 | 2.2845 | 2.4078 | 2.4528 | 2.4576 | 2.4680 | -7.4 |

| INTEREST RATES (Prime Rates) | ANNUAL RATES | | | 2001 | 2002 | | | | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | NOV | AUG | SEP | OCT | OCT | Nov'01 - Nov'02 |
| a) Canada | 6.40 | 7.30 | 5.80 | 4.00 | 4.50 | 4.50 | 4.50 | 4.50 | 0.50 |
| b) United States | 8.00 | 9.30 | 6.80 | 5.00 | 4.75 | 4.75 | 4.75 | 4.25 | -0.75 |

**CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, ALBERTA**

**Year over Year Change**

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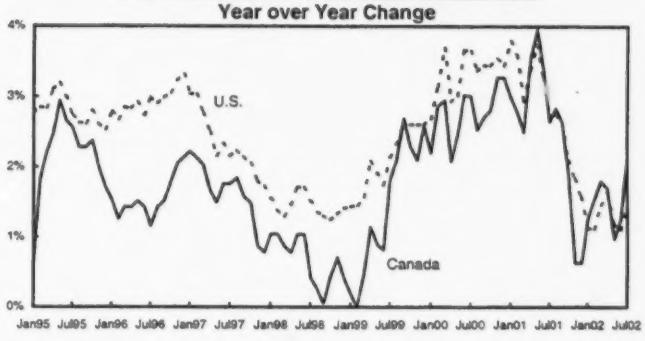


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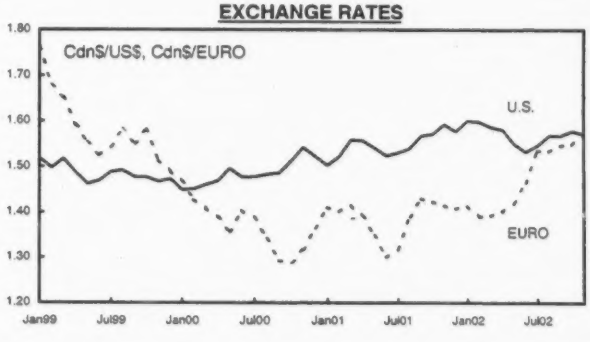


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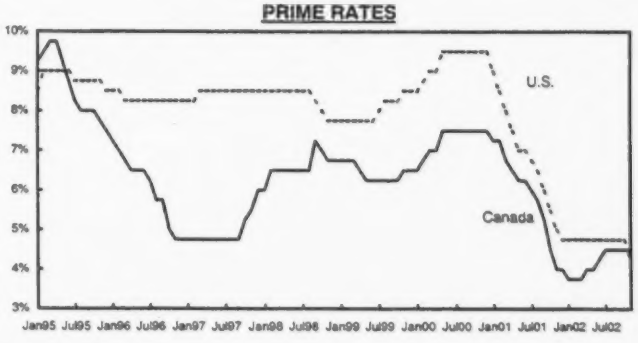
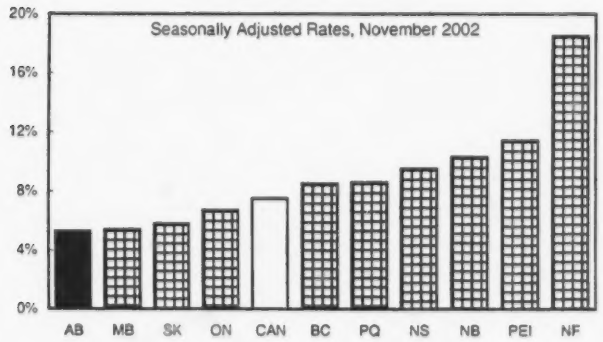


# INTERPROVINCIAL COMPARISONS OF ECONOMIC INDICATORS

| | NEWF. | P.E.I. | N.S. | N.B. | QUE. | ONT. | MAN. | SASK. | ALTA. | B.C. | CAN. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **POPULATION ('000s)** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| a) JULY 1, 2001 | 534 | 139 | 943 | 756 | 7,418 | 11,895 | 1,149 | 1,017 | 3,059 | 4,102 | 31,111 |
| b) JULY 1, 2002 | 532 | 140 | 945 | 757 | 7,455 | 12,068 | 1,151 | 1,012 | 3,114 | 4,141 | 31,414 |
| c) Percent Change | -0.4 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 1.5 | 0.2 | -0.5 | 1.8 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| **UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (seasonally adjusted)** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| a) NOVEMBER 2001 | 16.2 | 11.9 | 9.2 | 11.4 | 9.0 | 6.8 | 4.9 | 5.9 | 4.7 | 8.7 | 7.6 |
| b) NOVEMBER 2002 | 18.5 | 11.4 | 9.5 | 10.3 | 8.6 | 6.7 | 5.4 | 5.8 | 5.3 | 8.5 | 7.5 |
| **EMPLOYED (seasonally adjusted '000s)** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| a) NOVEMBER 2001 | 211 | 67 | 430 | 337 | 3,496 | 5,968 | 564 | 467 | 1,642 | 1,923 | 15,104 |
| b) NOVEMBER 2002 | 210 | 68 | 432 | 349 | 3,624 | 6,152 | 570 | 492 | 1,699 | 1,997 | 15,592 |
| c) Percent Change | -0.6 | 1.7 | 0.4 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.1 | 1.1 | 5.3 | 3.4 | 3.9 | 3.2 |
| **BUILDING PERMITS ($000,000)** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| a) JANUARY - OCTOBER 2001 | 264 | 194 | 603 | 481 | 6,279 | 15,025 | 646 | 604 | 4,983 | 4,410 | 33,637 |
| b) JANUARY - OCTOBER 2002 | 343 | 129 | 726 | 590 | 7,221 | 17,934 | 792 | 584 | 5,882 | 4,795 | 39,138 |
| c) Percent Change | 29.7 | -33.8 | 20.5 | 22.7 | 15.0 | 19.4 | 22.6 | -3.3 | 18.0 | 8.7 | 16.4 |
| **URBAN HOUSING STARTS (Number)** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| a) JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2001 | 1,077 | 362 | 2,514 | 2,009 | 19,590 | 64,587 | 1,545 | 1,662 | 22,284 | 14,646 | 130,276 |
| b) JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2002 | 1,482 | 498 | 3,281 | 2,514 | 30,685 | 74,271 | 2,065 | 2,136 | 30,221 | 19,015 | 166,168 |
| c) Percent Change | 37.6 | 37.6 | 30.5 | 25.1 | 56.6 | 15.0 | 33.7 | 28.5 | 35.6 | 29.8 | 27.6 |
| **TOTAL WAGES AND SALARIES (seasonally adjusted $000,000)** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| a) JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2001 | 4,202 | 1,187 | 8,874 | 7,240 | 80,575 | 162,655 | 11,632 | 9,083 | 44,185 | 46,249 | 377,707 |
| b) JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2002 | 4,468 | 1,264 | 9,356 | 7,469 | 84,453 | 168,968 | 12,110 | 9,303 | 47,248 | 46,783 | 393,401 |
| c) Percent Change | 6.3 | 6.5 | 5.4 | 3.2 | 4.8 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 2.4 | 6.9 | 1.2 | 4.2 |

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATES**

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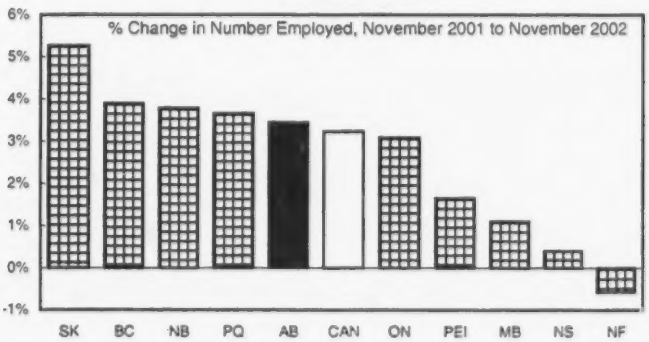


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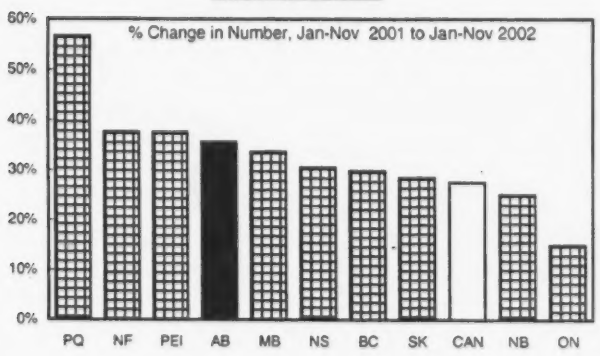


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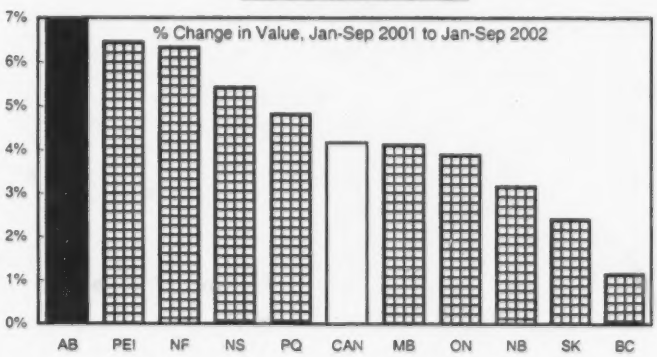
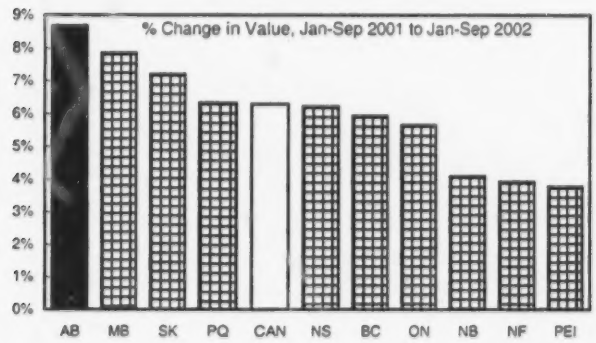


# INTERPROVINCIAL COMPARISONS OF ECONOMIC INDICATORS

| | NEWF. | P.E.I. | N.S. | N.B. | QUE. | ONT. | MAN. | SASK. | ALTA. | B.C. | CAN. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **RETAIL TRADE (seasonally adjusted $000,000)** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| a) JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2001 | 3,682 | 956 | 6,474 | 5,268 | 49,272 | 81,388 | 7,383 | 6,245 | 25,666 | 28,294 | 215,356 |
| b) JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2002 | 3,826 | 992 | 6,877 | 5,484 | 52,387 | 85,983 | 7,962 | 6,694 | 27,894 | 29,969 | 228,895 |
| c) Percent Change | 3.9 | 3.8 | 6.2 | 4.1 | 6.3 | 5.6 | 7.8 | 7.2 | 8.7 | 5.9 | 6.3 |
| **MANUFACTURING (value of shipments of goods of own manufacture, $000,000)** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| a) JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2001 | 1,682 | 908 | 6,446 | 9,486 | 90,890 | 203,189 | 8,636 | 5,489 | 32,433 | 26,263 | 385,466 |
| b) JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2002 | 1,687 | 984 | 6,336 | 9,434 | 90,688 | 208,496 | 8,592 | 5,483 | 30,177 | 25,849 | 387,768 |
| c) Percent Change | 0.3 | 8.4 | -1.7 | -0.6 | -0.2 | 2.6 | -0.5 | -0.1 | -7.0 | -1.6 | 0.6 |
| **AGRICULTURE (Farm Cash Receipts from farming operations $000,000)** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| a) JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2001 | 59 | 255 | 299 | 293 | 4,263 | 6,171 | 2,713 | 4,809 | 6,263 | 1,631 | 26,757 |
| b) JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2002 | 60 | 255 | 288 | 310 | 4,080 | 5,905 | 2,589 | 4,220 | 5,935 | 1,603 | 25,245 |
| c) Percent Change | 1.8 | 0.3 | -3.6 | 5.8 | -4.3 | -4.3 | -4.6 | -12.2 | -5.2 | -1.7 | -5.6 |
| **EXPORTS ($000,000)** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| a) JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2001 | 2,778 | 489 | 4,429 | 6,368 | 50,662 | 134,142 | 6,933 | 8,835 | 45,612 | 24,229 | 285,259 |
| b) JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2002 | 3,956 | 508 | 4,022 | 6,052 | 49,077 | 136,045 | 6,907 | 8,348 | 34,431 | 21,484 | 271,424 |
| c) Percent Change | 42.4 | 3.9 | -9.2 | -5.0 | -3.1 | 1.4 | -0.4 | -5.5 | -24.5 | -11.3 | -4.8 |
| **CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| a) OCTOBER 2001 | 114.3 | 115.4 | 116.4 | 114.8 | 113.2 | 118.2 | 121.5 | 121.2 | 121.0 | 115.8 | 116.8 |
| b) OCTOBER 2002 | 119.2 | 120.3 | 122.0 | 120.6 | 116.7 | 121.5 | 123.8 | 125.1 | 127.3 | 118.7 | 120.5 |
| c) Percent Change | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 3.1 | 2.8 | 1.9 | 3.2 | 5.2 | 2.5 | 3.2 |

**RETAIL TRADE**

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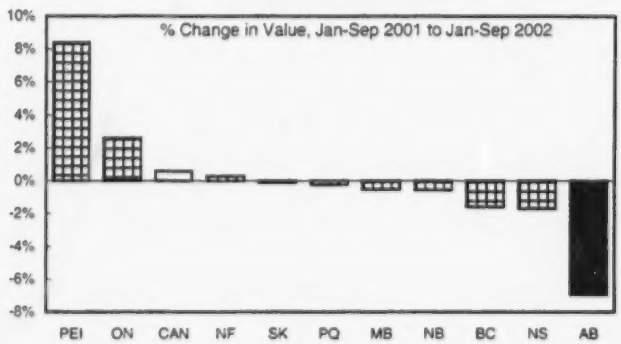


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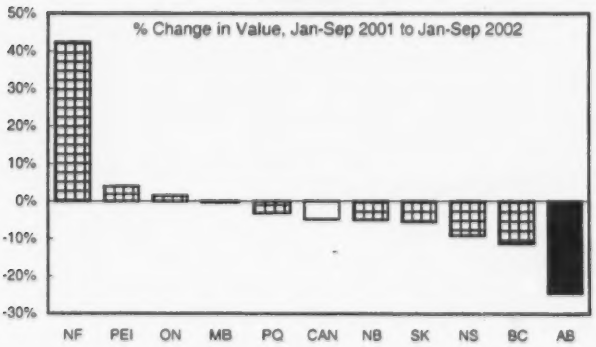


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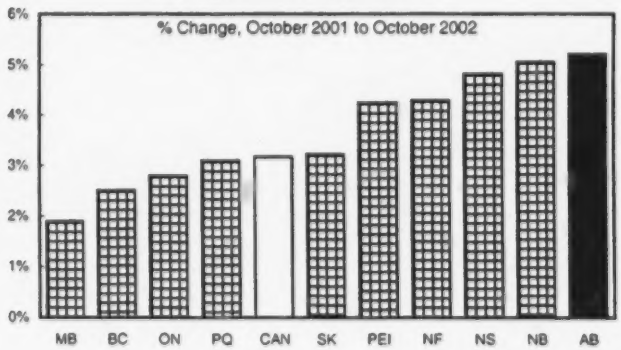

# Historic and Current Economic Indicators

Selected Series - Alberta

| | Unemployment Rate (%, SA) | Employed (000's) (SA) | Building Permits ($000,000) | | | Dwelling Starts (#, urban) | MLS Housing Resales (#) | Help Wanted Index (1996=100) | Wages and Salaries ($000,000) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Alberta | Calgary | Edmonton | | | | |
| 1993 | 9.6 | 1,295 | 2,713.4 | 866.9 | 857.1 | 15,163 | 37,024 | 90 | 34,871 |
| 1994 | 8.7 | 1,332 | 2,740.6 | 969.0 | 673.0 | 13,905 | 32,512 | 100 | 36,079 |
| 1995 | 7.8 | 1,369 | 2,506.6 | 973.4 | 550.5 | 10,531 | 29,098 | 90 | 36,834 |
| 1996 | 6.9 | 1,408 | 2,883.1 | 1,139.5 | 655.7 | 12,475 | 37,485 | 102 | 38,662 |
| 1997 | 5.8 | 1,458 | 4,446.3 | 1,828.1 | 878.7 | 18,938 | 43,693 | 146 | 43,823 |
| 1998 | 5.6 | 1,515 | 5,552.2 | 2,486.0 | 1,167.2 | 21,721 | 43,383 | 147 | 47,650 |
| Jan99 | 5.8 | 1,537 | 255.8 | 118.1 | 58.8 | 1,281 | 2,010 | 129.7 | 3,984 |
| Feb99 | 6.0 | 1,540 | 255.2 | 117.5 | 74.4 | 1,524 | 3,004 | 128.5 | 4,012 |
| Mar99 | 5.9 | 1,540 | 391.9 | 171.4 | 75.8 | 1,117 | 4,019 | 128.1 | 4,012 |
| Apr99 | 5.8 | 1,542 | 384.0 | 131.4 | 92.7 | 1,518 | 4,297 | 128.3 | 4,042 |
| May99 | 6.4 | 1,545 | 484.2 | 198.6 | 105.5 | 1,428 | 4,422 | 129.0 | 4,054 |
| Jun99 | 5.5 | 1,560 | 507.5 | 243.6 | 112.2 | 2,210 | 4,590 | 130.6 | 4,076 |
| Jul99 | 5.5 | 1,564 | 543.0 | 165.9 | 189.9 | 1,970 | 3,963 | 132.9 | 4,114 |
| Aug99 | 6.0 | 1,560 | 434.2 | 158.2 | 97.3 | 2,438 | 3,954 | 136.0 | 4,126 |
| Sep99 | 5.9 | 1,558 | 463.5 | 207.1 | 104.4 | 1,561 | 3,714 | 139.7 | 4,155 |
| Oct99 | 5.2 | 1,562 | 420.8 | 136.8 | 67.7 | 1,871 | 3,292 | 143.7 | 4,177 |
| Nov99 | 5.4 | 1,564 | 366.9 | 142.5 | 75.8 | 1,732 | 3,210 | 147.8 | 4,213 |
| Dec99 | 5.4 | 1,573 | 295.0 | 125.8 | 69.2 | 1,566 | 2,209 | 151.5 | 4,301 |
| Average/Sum | 5.7 | 1,553 | 4,801.9 | 1,916.8 | 1,123.7 | 20,216 | 42,684 | 135.5 | 49,263 |
| Jan00 | 5.0 | 1,575 | 336.0 | 183.3 | 82.3 | 1,252 | 2,482 | 154.7 | 4,350 |
| Feb00 | 4.9 | 1,582 | 338.1 | 162.2 | 63.1 | 1,220 | 3,371 | 157.2 | 4,394 |
| Mar00 | 5.0 | 1,587 | 478.9 | 206.5 | 124.7 | 1,323 | 4,186 | 159.2 | 4,412 |
| Apr00 | 5.0 | 1,583 | 466.7 | 210.4 | 101.1 | 1,846 | 3,802 | 160.8 | 4,517 |
| May00 | 4.8 | 1,585 | 552.2 | 238.3 | 139.0 | 2,438 | 4,691 | 162.4 | 4,477 |
| Jun00 | 5.0 | 1,581 | 587.7 | 271.4 | 130.0 | 2,031 | 4,396 | 164.5 | 4,525 |
| Jul00 | 5.2 | 1,573 | 337.2 | 85.6 | 100.4 | 1,932 | 3,755 | 167.0 | 4,548 |
| Aug00 | 5.3 | 1,580 | 562.7 | 213.2 | 124.6 | 1,914 | 3,994 | 170.1 | 4,601 |
| Sep00 | 4.9 | 1,592 | 439.8 | 189.3 | 102.9 | 2,027 | 3,698 | 173.1 | 4,638 |
| Oct00 | 4.6 | 1,600 | 548.7 | 275.5 | 113.1 | 1,784 | 3,544 | 175.9 | 4,683 |
| Nov00 | 5.0 | 1,607 | 367.3 | 137.9 | 93.5 | 2,004 | 3,120 | 177.9 | 4,722 |
| Dec00 | 4.8 | 1,616 | 281.2 | 113.1 | 74.3 | 1,735 | 2,272 | 179.3 | 4,757 |
| Average/Sum | 5.0 | 1,588 | 5,296.4 | 2,286.7 | 1,249.1 | 21,506 | 43,311 | 166.8 | 54,624 |
| Jan01 | 4.9 | 1,621 | 290.3 | 123.4 | 78.1 | 1,580 | 2,670 | 180.4 | 4,809 |
| Feb01 | 4.6 | 1,623 | 301.4 | 143.8 | 78.4 | 1,193 | 3,421 | 181.2 | 4,843 |
| Mar01 | 4.8 | 1,616 | 517.1 | 194.7 | 119.0 | 1,318 | 4,297 | 181.7 | 4,882 |
| Apr01 | 4.8 | 1,625 | 510.8 | 201.5 | 133.9 | 2,104 | 4,390 | 181.4 | 4,920 |
| May01 | 4.5 | 1,631 | 661.0 | 268.5 | 144.3 | 2,257 | 5,383 | 180.1 | 4,947 |
| Jun01 | 4.6 | 1,639 | 526.9 | 211.1 | 109.4 | 2,405 | 4,804 | 177.0 | 4,943 |
| Jul01 | 4.4 | 1,634 | 537.6 | 223.7 | 99.6 | 2,176 | 4,662 | 172.3 | 4,935 |
| Aug01 | 4.3 | 1,632 | 632.2 | 219.9 | 144.7 | 2,205 | 4,569 | 166.3 | 4,945 |
| Sep01 | 4.0 | 1,637 | 521.4 | 136.2 | 175.6 | 2,235 | 3,976 | 159.5 | 4,960 |
| Oct01 | 4.5 | 1,641 | 484.2 | 186.7 | 128.5 | 2,469 | 4,106 | 152.9 | 4,996 |
| Nov01 | 4.7 | 1,642 | 540.7 | 238.9 | 125.4 | 2,345 | 3,852 | 147.0 | 5,045 |
| Dec01 | 5.1 | 1,644 | 388.0 | 160.7 | 124.8 | 2,173 | 2,859 | 142.6 | 5,103 |
| Average/Sum | 4.6 | 1,632 | 5,911.7 | 2,309.1 | 1,461.8 | 24,457 | 48,989 | 168.5 | 59,329 |
| Jan02 | 4.7 | 1,655 | 406.1 | 148.5 | 152.6 | 1,974 | 3,524 | 139.6 | 5,189 |
| Feb02 | 5.1 | 1,645 | 391.7 | 160.1 | 94.9 | 1,911 | 4,367 | 137.9 | 5,148 |
| Mar02 | 5.0 | 1,656 | 551.7 | 224.0 | 133.3 | 2,585 | 4,487 | 137.1 | 5,181 |
| Apr02 | 5.3 | 1,651 | 631.9 | 300.7 | 134.3 | 2,669 | 5,314 | 136.9 | 5,226 |
| May02 | 5.9 | 1,654 | 657.6 | 275.3 | 129.5 | 3,149 | 5,178 | 134.9 | 5,258 |
| Jun02 | 5.6 | 1,665 | 668.5 | 277.1 | 150.6 | 3,373 | 4,745 | 137.7 | 5,292 |
| Jul02 | 5.0 | 1,691 | 761.7 | 275.4 | 181.8 | 2,307 | 4,711 | 140.2 | 5,296 |
| Aug02 | 5.1 | 1,689 | 617.2 | 217.7 | 196.4 | 3,211 | 4,508 | 140.4 | 5,307 |
| Sep02 | 5.8 | 1,677 | 621.3 | 217.4 | 172.0 | 2,770 | 4,108 | 136.7 | 5,351 |
| Oct02 | 5.7 | 1,683 | 574.5 | 225.1 | 166.7 | 3,286 | 4,029 | 130.0 | |
| Nov02 | 5.3 | 1,699 | | | | 2,986 | | 125.1 | |
| Dec02 | | | | | | | | | |
| Average/Sum | | | | | | | | | |

# Historic and Current Economic Indicators

Selected Series - Alberta

| | Average Weekly Earnings ($) | International Travellers (#, direct entries) | Retail Trade ($000,000) | Rest., Caterer & Tavern Rec. ($000,000) | Wholesale Trade ($000,000) | New Motor Vehicle Sales (#) | Energy Production | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | Oil/Equiv. (Tsds $m^3$) | Gas (Mlns $m^3$) |
| 1993 | 573.88 | 593,928 | 20,545 | 2,156 | 19,547 | 122,852 | 84,084 | 145,788 |
| 1994 | 576.53 | 613,142 | 22,225 | 2,315 | 23,108 | 130,217 | 86,053 | 155,798 |
| 1995 | 575.34 | 706,941 | 22,733 | 2,432 | 24,317 | 122,244 | 88,486 | 162,097 |
| 1996 | 599.23 | 777,708 | 23,806 | 2,636 | 27,310 | 133,762 | 89,490 | 167,236 |
| 1997 | 620.38 | 787,755 | 26,939 | 3,008 | 34,198 | 167,671 | 92,333 | 168,095 |
| 1998 | 637.17 | 848,465 | 28,069 | 3,244 | 33,400 | 163,395 | 92,991 | 172,644 |
| Jan99 | 636.17 | 37,813 | 2,361 | 280 | 2,296 | 10,468 | 7,451 | 15,835 |
| Feb99 | 642.50 | 42,735 | 2,383 | 270 | 2,329 | 9,689 | 6,687 | 13,799 |
| Mar99 | 643.00 | 55,763 | 2,398 | 313 | 2,775 | 15,179 | 7,380 | 15,011 |
| Apr99 | 643.62 | 39,463 | 2,362 | 300 | 2,711 | 13,519 | 6,894 | 14,379 |
| May99 | 641.39 | 67,594 | 2,347 | 303 | 2,907 | 15,397 | 7,249 | 14,752 |
| Jun99 | 644.42 | 113,881 | 2,409 | 305 | 3,089 | 14,992 | 7,270 | 13,628 |
| Jul99 | 648.96 | 164,445 | 2,448 | 320 | 2,731 | 12,224 | 7,609 | 14,654 |
| Aug99 | 648.45 | 130,841 | 2,479 | 315 | 2,761 | 12,033 | 7,490 | 14,583 |
| Sep99 | 647.64 | 95,825 | 2,534 | 293 | 2,907 | 14,383 | 7,039 | 14,077 |
| Oct99 | 647.29 | 48,321 | 2,524 | 312 | 2,960 | 13,189 | 7,480 | 14,772 |
| Nov99 | 647.92 | 33,229 | 2,511 | 303 | 3,002 | 13,753 | 7,339 | 14,466 |
| Dec99 | 654.59 | 44,710 | 2,579 | 324 | 3,060 | 16,004 | 7,503 | 15,326 |
| Average/Sum | 645.50 | 874,620 | 29,335 | 3,638 | 33,528 | 160,830 | 87,391 | 175,279 |
| Jan00 | 654.46 | 38,270 | 2,536 | 291 | 2,610 | 10,840 | 7,442 | 15,618 |
| Feb00 | 658.83 | 44,450 | 2,556 | 309 | 2,787 | 10,699 | 6,982 | 14,568 |
| Mar00 | 661.27 | 57,454 | 2,586 | 351 | 3,186 | 15,794 | 6,977 | 14,951 |
| Apr00 | 661.31 | 44,279 | 2,592 | 331 | 2,954 | 16,561 | 7,170 | 14,225 |
| May00 | 664.23 | 65,874 | 2,593 | 333 | 3,578 | 17,933 | 7,455 | 14,419 |
| Jun00 | 665.92 | 116,378 | 2,620 | 339 | 3,457 | 16,350 | 7,369 | 13,735 |
| Jul00 | 668.95 | 159,277 | 2,665 | 344 | 3,191 | 13,185 | 7,367 | 14,580 |
| Aug00 | 670.41 | 129,697 | 2,691 | 351 | 3,212 | 14,316 | 7,491 | 14,585 |
| Sep00 | 667.44 | 89,705 | 2,724 | 343 | 3,204 | 16,202 | 7,093 | 13,949 |
| Oct00 | 666.84 | 47,554 | 2,697 | 343 | 3,337 | 13,526 | 7,154 | 14,774 |
| Nov00 | 668.65 | 34,197 | 2,728 | 346 | 3,221 | 13,775 | 7,295 | 14,785 |
| Dec00 | 671.16 | 53,594 | 2,724 | 354 | 3,089 | 15,544 | 7,500 | 15,957 |
| Average/Sum | 664.96 | 880,729 | 31,712 | 4,035 | 37,825 | 174,725 | 87,295 | 176,146 |
| Jan01 | 675.40 | 38,772 | 2,779 | 339 | 2,983 | 12,365 | 7,565 | 15,752 |
| Feb01 | 677.53 | 42,863 | 2,786 | 338 | 2,865 | 10,232 | 6,900 | 14,226 |
| Mar01 | 679.44 | 55,473 | 2,823 | 393 | 3,421 | 16,581 | 7,741 | 15,033 |
| Apr01 | 678.35 | 44,584 | 2,848 | 369 | 3,197 | 17,137 | 7,051 | 14,260 |
| May01 | 678.51 | 65,461 | 2,881 | 398 | 3,820 | 19,188 | 7,658 | 14,705 |
| Jun01 | 680.40 | 111,907 | 2,891 | 392 | 3,812 | 18,639 | 7,072 | 14,127 |
| Jul01 | 686.65 | 156,416 | 2,895 | 396 | 3,557 | 14,279 | 7,299 | 14,571 |
| Aug01 | 688.55 | 134,793 | 2,913 | 393 | 3,572 | 15,121 | 7,434 | 14,380 |
| Sep01 | 687.50 | 70,746 | 2,850 | 361 | 3,303 | 15,042 | 6,748 | 13,611 |
| Oct01 | 688.38 | 40,506 | 2,944 | 359 | 3,752 | 15,247 | 7,342 | 14,547 |
| Nov01 | 689.29 | 31,248 | 2,984 | 358 | 3,517 | 16,566 | 7,263 | 14,181 |
| Dec01 | 692.28 | 52,556 | 3,008 | 365 | 3,436 | 17,467 | 7,568 | 14,703 |
| Average/Sum | 683.52 | 845,325 | 34,602 | 4,460 | 41,234 | 187,864 | 87,639 | 174,094 |
| Jan02 | 695.13 | 35,849 | 3,080 | 326 | 3,178 | 14,645 | **7,496** | **15,281** |
| Feb02 | 695.50 | 41,273 | 3,080 | 319 | 2,964 | 12,595 | **6,896** | **13,543** |
| Mar02 | 696.08 | 55,342 | 3,033 | 357 | 3,355 | 17,455 | **7,469** | **15,143** |
| Apr02 | 696.87 | 37,483 | 3,083 | 346 | 3,495 | 18,742 | **7,264** | **14,051** |
| May02 | 695.30 | 62,974 | 3,109 | 372 | 3,844 | 21,286 | **7,133** | **14,079** |
| Jun02 | 697.01 | 101,239 | **3,155** | 376 | 3,627 | 20,090 | **6,991** | **13,403** |
| Jul02 | 699.90 | 153,478 | **3,117** | 383 | 3,627 | 15,647 | **7,501** | **13,873** |
| Aug02 | **699.02** | 126,646 | **3,119** | **382** | **3,550** | 16,429 | **7,782** | **14,001** |
| Sep02 | **701.84** | **78,482** | **3,118** | **358** | **3,494** | **16,866** | | |
| Oct02 | | | | | | **16,164** | | |
| Nov02 | | | | | | | | |
| Dec02 | | | | | | | | |
| Average/Sum | | | | | | | | |

# Historic and Current Economic Indicators

Selected Series - Alberta

| | Rigs | Energy Prices | | Manufacturing | International | Bankruptcies | | Incorporations | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Drilling | WTI Crude | Gas | Shipments | Exports | Business | Consumer | Alberta | Non-Alberta |
| | (#) | (US$/barrel) | (C$/GJ) | ($000,000) | ($000,000) | (#) | (#) | (#) | (#) |
| 1993 | 173 | 18.48 | 1.58 | 20,595 | 19,639 | 1,445 | 5,337 | 18,534 | 1,452 |
| 1994 | 240 | 17.18 | 1.72 | 24,885 | 22,904 | 1,592 | 5,966 | 20,286 | 1,518 |
| 1995 | 209 | 18.40 | 1.24 | 28,491 | 26,884 | 2,124 | 8,141 | 19,449 | 1,582 |
| 1996 | 236 | 22.01 | 1.54 | 30,677 | 31,698 | 2,008 | 9,936 | 20,489 | 1,768 |
| 1997 | 310 | 20.61 | 1.87 | 34,184 | 33,482 | 1,460 | 9,913 | 24,343 | 1,840 |
| 1998 | 221 | 14.43 | 1.84 | 32,842 | 31,010 | 1,349 | 8,108 | 21,484 | 1,881 |
| Jan99 | 296 | 12.49 | 2.04 | 2,339 | 2,445 | 135 | 641 | 1,854 | 140 |
| Feb99 | 271 | 12.02 | 1.90 | 2,342 | 2,185 | 114 | 705 | 1,692 | 140 |
| Mar99 | 196 | 14.68 | 1.80 | 2,882 | 2,453 | 147 | 879 | 2,023 | 172 |
| Apr99 | 53 | 17.30 | 1.90 | 2,807 | 2,441 | 127 | 780 | 1,888 | 163 |
| May99 | 64 | 17.77 | 2.21 | 3,106 | 2,803 | 120 | 693 | 1,857 | 158 |
| Jun99 | 152 | 17.92 | 2.22 | 3,128 | 2,877 | 141 | 788 | 1,807 | 145 |
| Jul99 | 156 | 20.10 | 2.33 | 3,011 | 2,897 | 131 | 689 | 1,731 | 153 |
| Aug99 | 206 | 21.28 | 2.60 | 3,150 | 3,087 | 95 | 730 | 1,695 | 145 |
| Sep99 | 234 | 23.79 | 2.86 | 3,269 | 3,171 | 144 | 722 | 1,885 | 136 |
| Oct99 | 264 | 22.67 | 2.72 | 3,319 | 3,311 | 123 | 742 | 1,894 | 135 |
| Nov99 | 300 | 24.71 | 3.06 | 3,345 | 3,522 | 156 | 768 | 2,037 | 164 |
| Dec99 | 354 | 26.09 | 2.54 | 3,315 | 3,415 | 120 | 645 | 2,399 | 135 |
| Average/Sum | 212 | 19.24 | 2.35 | 36,014 | 34,605 | 1,553 | 8,782 | 22,762 | 1,786 |
| Jan00 | 381 | 27.01 | 2.50 | 3,004 | 3,709 | 154 | 747 | 2,059 | 144 |
| Feb00 | 404 | 29.30 | 2.62 | 3,088 | 3,807 | 166 | 744 | 2,146 | 160 |
| Mar00 | 337 | 29.89 | 2.72 | 3,575 | 4,094 | 166 | 824 | 2,709 | 185 |
| Apr00 | 137 | 25.54 | 3.10 | 3,206 | 4,060 | 118 | 731 | 2,161 | 170 |
| May00 | 174 | 28.81 | 3.35 | 3,802 | 4,244 | 130 | 834 | 2,380 | 181 |
| Jun00 | 250 | 31.53 | 4.33 | 3,624 | 4,692 | 112 | 855 | 2,321 | 165 |
| Jul00 | 276 | 29.72 | 4.42 | 3,484 | 4,611 | 118 | 664 | 1,923 | 128 |
| Aug00 | 275 | 31.14 | 3.93 | 3,745 | 4,587 | 164 | 786 | 2,118 | 160 |
| Sep00 | 269 | 33.87 | 4.66 | 3,658 | 4,804 | 136 | 725 | 2,233 | 165 |
| Oct00 | 312 | 32.93 | 5.53 | 4,015 | 5,354 | 179 | 722 | 2,321 | 181 |
| Nov00 | 332 | 34.26 | 5.79 | 3,731 | 5,305 | 146 | 742 | 2,365 | 183 |
| Dec00 | 387 | 28.40 | 8.28 | 3,650 | 6,064 | 120 | 473 | 2,265 | 148 |
| Average/Sum | 295 | 30.20 | 4.27 | 42,582 | 55,331 | 1,710 | 8,847 | 27,001 | 1,970 |
| Jan01 | 430 | 29.26 | 11.21 | 3,589 | 7,562 | 140 | 727 | 2,608 | 184 |
| Feb01 | 428 | 29.64 | 8.05 | 3,306 | 5,581 | 132 | 640 | 2,228 | 157 |
| Mar01 | 402 | 27.27 | 6.48 | 3,688 | 5,545 | 189 | 722 | 2,545 | 201 |
| Apr01 | 216 | 27.62 | 6.59 | 3,364 | 5,121 | 139 | 655 | 2,321 | 160 |
| May01 | 229 | 28.33 | 5.74 | 3,885 | 4,905 | 155 | 700 | 2,488 | 177 |
| Jun01 | 266 | 27.58 | 4.44 | 3,717 | 4,752 | 142 | 669 | 2,294 | 176 |
| Jul01 | 277 | 26.48 | 3.75 | 3,600 | 4,119 | 122 | 657 | 2,154 | 129 |
| Aug01 | 295 | 27.31 | 3.53 | 3,769 | 4,238 | 127 | 632 | 2,235 | 149 |
| Sep01 | 270 | 26.04 | 2.76 | 3,514 | 3,787 | 111 | 625 | 2,006 | 156 |
| Oct01 | 256 | 22.25 | 2.40 | 3,512 | 3,849 | 174 | 837 | 2,397 | 155 |
| Nov01 | 247 | 19.67 | 3.33 | 3,373 | 3,949 | 145 | 726 | 2,333 | 151 |
| Dec01 | 264 | 19.40 | 3.20 | 3,077 | 3,573 | 112 | 531 | 2,298 | 160 |
| Average/Sum | 298 | 25.90 | 5.12 | 42,394 | 56,982 | 1,698 | 8,112 | 27,907 | 1,955 |
| Jan02 | 377 | 19.73 | 3.17 | 3,037 | **3,584** | 186 | 693 | 2,590 | 172 |
| Feb02 | 358 | 20.75 | 2.71 | 2,875 | **3,137** | 169 | 676 | 2,188 | 165 |
| Mar02 | 271 | 24.48 | 3.23 | 3,173 | **3,755** | 224 | 701 | 2,220 | 202 |
| Apr02 | 106 | 26.31 | 3.91 | 3,236 | **3,961** | 170 | 740 | 2,557 | 161 |
| May02 | 109 | 26.94 | 3.91 | 3,640 | **4,149** | 200 | 708 | 2,500 | 174 |
| Jun02 | 196 | 25.58 | 3.54 | **3,445** | **3,855** | 161 | 708 | **2,175** | **154** |
| Jul02 | 245 | 26.95 | 3.17 | **3,453** | **3,896** | 145 | 676 | **2,238** | **163** |
| Aug02 | 191 | 28.20 | 2.93 | **3,608** | **3,950** | 152 | 695 | **2,137** | **138** |
| Sep02 | 189 | 29.67 | **3.51** | **3,709** | **4,144** | 153 | 629 | **2,236** | **164** |
| Oct02 | 182 | 28.86 | | | | **150** | **755** | **2,422** | **196** |
| Nov02 | **241** | **26.19** | | | | | | **2,353** | **160** |
| Dec02 | | | | | | | | | |
| Average/Sum | | | | | | | | | |

# Historic and Current Economic Indicators

Selected Series

| | Consumer Price Index (1992 = 100) | | | Consumer Price Index (1995 = 100) | | Exchange Rates | | Prime Rates | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Alberta | Edmonton | Calgary | Canada | U.S | (Cdn$/US$) | (Cdn$/EURO) | Canada (%) | U.S. (%) |
| 1993 | 101.2 | 100.8 | 101.3 | 97.7 | 94.8 | 1.2901 | N/A | 5.94 | 6.00 |
| 1994 | 102.6 | 102.4 | 102.8 | 97.9 | 97.3 | 1.3657 | N/A | 6.88 | 7.21 |
| 1995 | 105.0 | 104.5 | 105.1 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 1.3725 | N/A | 8.65 | 8.81 |
| 1996 | 107.3 | 106.8 | 107.4 | 101.6 | 102.9 | 1.3635 | N/A | 6.06 | 8.27 |
| 1997 | 109.5 | 108.7 | 109.7 | 103.2 | 105.3 | 1.3844 | N/A | 4.96 | 8.46 |
| 1998 | 110.7 | 109.7 | 111.3 | 104.2 | 107.0 | 1.4831 | N/A | 6.60 | 8.31 |
| Jan99 | 111.7 | 110.5 | 112.4 | 104.6 | 107.8 | 1.5192 | 1.7615 | 6.75 | 7.75 |
| Feb99 | 111.6 | 110.5 | 112.4 | 104.5 | 108.0 | 1.4973 | 1.6778 | 6.75 | 7.75 |
| Mar99 | 111.9 | 110.7 | 112.6 | 105.1 | 108.3 | 1.5175 | 1.6521 | 6.75 | 7.75 |
| Apr99 | 112.2 | 111.0 | 112.9 | 105.7 | 109.1 | 1.4874 | 1.5913 | 6.50 | 7.75 |
| May99 | 113.0 | 111.8 | 113.7 | 105.8 | 109.1 | 1.4620 | 1.5531 | 6.25 | 7.75 |
| Jun99 | 113.3 | 112.0 | 114.0 | 105.9 | 109.1 | 1.4691 | 1.5244 | 6.25 | 7.75 |
| Jul99 | 113.6 | 112.4 | 114.3 | 106.3 | 109.4 | 1.4888 | 1.5443 | 6.25 | 8.00 |
| Aug99 | 114.3 | 113.2 | 115.1 | 106.6 | 109.7 | 1.4923 | 1.5826 | 6.25 | 8.25 |
| Sep99 | 114.9 | 113.8 | 115.7 | 106.9 | 110.2 | 1.4768 | 1.5505 | 6.25 | 8.25 |
| Oct99 | 115.1 | 113.7 | 116.1 | 107.0 | 110.4 | 1.4773 | 1.5817 | 6.25 | 8.25 |
| Nov99 | 114.6 | 113.3 | 115.5 | 106.9 | 110.4 | 1.4675 | 1.5149 | 6.50 | 8.50 |
| Dec99 | 115.1 | 113.8 | 116.0 | 107.0 | 110.4 | 1.4733 | 1.4899 | 6.50 | 8.50 |
| Average/Sum | 113.4 | 112.2 | 114.2 | 106.0 | 109.3 | 1.4857 | 1.5853 | 6.44 | 8.02 |
| Jan00 | 114.7 | 113.3 | 115.6 | 106.9 | 110.7 | 1.4489 | 1.4676 | 6.50 | 8.50 |
| Feb00 | 114.7 | 113.3 | 115.5 | 107.5 | 111.4 | 1.4511 | 1.4273 | 6.75 | 8.75 |
| Mar00 | 115.8 | 114.4 | 116.7 | 108.2 | 112.3 | 1.4606 | 1.4088 | 7.00 | 9.00 |
| Apr00 | 115.9 | 114.5 | 116.8 | 107.9 | 112.3 | 1.4684 | 1.3881 | 7.00 | 9.00 |
| May00 | 116.6 | 115.1 | 117.7 | 108.4 | 112.4 | 1.4955 | 1.3567 | 7.50 | 9.50 |
| Jun00 | 117.1 | 115.6 | 118.2 | 109.1 | 113.1 | 1.4768 | 1.4039 | 7.50 | 9.50 |
| Jul00 | 118.2 | 116.6 | 119.3 | 109.5 | 113.4 | 1.4779 | 1.3871 | 7.50 | 9.50 |
| Aug00 | 118.3 | 116.8 | 119.4 | 109.3 | 113.4 | 1.4825 | 1.3406 | 7.50 | 9.50 |
| Sep00 | 119.1 | 117.4 | 120.4 | 109.8 | 114.0 | 1.4862 | 1.2925 | 7.50 | 9.50 |
| Oct00 | 119.2 | 117.8 | 120.1 | 110.0 | 114.2 | 1.5123 | 1.2894 | 7.50 | 9.50 |
| Nov00 | 119.6 | 118.0 | 120.7 | 110.4 | 114.3 | 1.5422 | 1.3173 | 7.50 | 9.50 |
| Dec00 | 119.6 | 118.0 | 120.8 | 110.5 | 114.2 | 1.5224 | 1.3653 | 7.50 | 9.50 |
| Average/Sum | 117.4 | 115.9 | 118.4 | 109.0 | 113.0 | 1.4854 | 1.3704 | 7.27 | 9.27 |
| Jan01 | 116.0 | 113.6 | 118.0 | 110.1 | 114.9 | 1.5032 | 1.4099 | 7.25 | 9.00 |
| Feb01 | 118.8 | 117.1 | 120.1 | 110.5 | 115.4 | 1.5218 | 1.4008 | 7.25 | 8.50 |
| Mar01 | 118.7 | 117.0 | 120.1 | 110.9 | 115.6 | 1.5585 | 1.4154 | 6.75 | 8.00 |
| Apr01 | 118.9 | 117.2 | 120.3 | 111.7 | 116.1 | 1.5575 | 1.3906 | 6.50 | 7.50 |
| May01 | 123.2 | 121.5 | 124.6 | 112.7 | 116.6 | 1.5415 | 1.3482 | 6.25 | 7.00 |
| Jun01 | 123.5 | 121.8 | 125.0 | 112.8 | 116.8 | 1.5244 | 1.3004 | 6.25 | 7.00 |
| Jul01 | 121.6 | 120.1 | 122.8 | 112.4 | 116.5 | 1.5304 | 1.3186 | 6.00 | 6.75 |
| Aug01 | 121.5 | 119.9 | 122.6 | 112.4 | 116.5 | 1.5402 | 1.3900 | 5.75 | 6.50 |
| Sep01 | 122.4 | 120.9 | 123.4 | 112.7 | 117.0 | 1.5677 | 1.4295 | 5.25 | 6.00 |
| Oct01 | 121.0 | 119.4 | 122.2 | 112.1 | 116.6 | 1.5712 | 1.4222 | 4.50 | 5.50 |
| Nov01 | 116.6 | 115.1 | 117.6 | 111.1 | 116.4 | 1.5924 | 1.4138 | 4.00 | 5.00 |
| Dec01 | 118.5 | 117.5 | 118.8 | 111.2 | 116.0 | 1.5775 | 1.4070 | 4.00 | 4.75 |
| Average/Sum | 120.1 | 118.4 | 121.3 | 111.7 | 116.2 | 1.5489 | 1.3872 | 5.81 | 6.79 |
| Jan02 | 120.1 | 118.4 | 121.1 | 111.5 | 116.2 | 1.6003 | 1.4136 | 3.75 | 4.75 |
| Feb02 | 120.7 | 119.1 | 121.8 | 112.2 | 116.7 | 1.5985 | 1.3895 | 3.75 | 4.75 |
| Mar02 | 121.0 | 118.2 | 123.3 | 112.9 | 117.3 | 1.5870 | 1.3917 | 3.75 | 4.75 |
| Apr02 | 122.9 | 119.9 | 125.4 | 113.6 | 118.0 | 1.5814 | 1.4012 | 4.00 | 4.75 |
| May02 | 123.5 | 120.4 | 125.4 | 113.8 | 118.0 | 1.5497 | 1.4208 | 4.00 | 4.75 |
| Jun02 | 124.1 | 121.2 | 126.3 | 114.2 | 118.1 | 1.5317 | 1.4646 | 4.25 | 4.75 |
| Jul02 | 124.1 | 121.5 | 126.0 | 114.8 | 118.2 | 1.5459 | 1.5352 | 4.50 | 4.75 |
| Aug02 | 124.3 | 122.1 | 125.6 | | | 1.5679 | 1.5331 | 4.50 | 4.75 |
| Sep02 | 125.9 | 123.3 | 127.8 | | | 1.5758 | 1.5456 | 4.50 | 4.75 |
| Oct02 | **127.3** | **125.6** | **128.2** | | | 1.5778 | 1.5484 | 4.50 | 4.75 |
| Nov02 | | | | | | **1.5714** | **1.5731** | **4.50** | **4.25** |
| Dec02 | | | | | | | | | |
| Average/Sum | | | | | | | | | |

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